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# Manglona, others, sue Senate

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This time, Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) is suing his colleagues in the Senate.

In a last-ditch effort to temporarily halt the impeachment proceedings against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that is set to begin this Friday, Manglona and two CNMI residents have filed a pro se complaint against the CNMI Senate in Superior Court over violations the chamber allegedly made throughout the impeachment process. Appearing before the court without a lawyer is considered pro se.

Manglona

Manglona was joined by CNMI residents Carmen Patricia Deleon Guerrero and Bruce Lee Jorgensen in filing the complaint against members of the Senate yesterday, just days before the pending impeachment trial.

"We want to see a fair, just, and impartial impeachment proceeding in the Senate and because we're not having that, we are taking the Senate to court by filing this lawsuit. We aren't doing this for just anyone. We're doing it for the people of the CNMI to make sure that the

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## 2 of 5 judges recuse in suit vs Senate

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Two of the CNMI's five Superior Court judges have officially filed orders of recusal in the lawsuit filed by Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and two CNMI residents against the Senate over alleged violations in the impeachment proceedings of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Govendo

Kim-Tenorio

Just hours after Manglona and CNMI residents Carmen Patricia Deleon Guerrero and Bruce Lee Jorgensen filed their *pro se* lawsuit against members

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## LibDay parade, festivities to resume

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CORRESPONDENT

After a two-year lull because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Liberation Day festivities will be resuming this year, complete with food concession stands and a parade.

The celebration's return was learned during a meeting yesterday where the members of the Liberation Day Committee that will prepare for this year's Liberation Day festivities were presented.

Tentatively, the five-day entertainment and food concessions at the Garapan Fishing Base will be from June 30 to July 4, starting at 6:30pm to

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**MINI-FIREFIGHTERS** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
With the help of firefighters, young students of Green Meadows School try their hand at operating a fire hose during an outreach by the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services at the school in Gualo Rai yesterday. The a one-day outreach was meant to help students understand about fire and medical emergencies and what to do during emergency situations.

## Marcos presidency complicates US efforts to counter China

By DAVID RISING and JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP) —Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s apparent landslide victory in the Philippine presidential election is raising immediate concerns about a further erosion of democracy in Asia and could complicate American efforts to blunt growing Chinese influence and power in the Pacific.

Marcos, the namesake son of longtime dictator Ferdinand Marcos, captured more than double the votes of his closest challenger in Monday's elec-

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**COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY**

**LEGEND:**
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

*Source: Office of the Governor*

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# Local

# COTA hurdles USDOT State Management Review audit

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority has successfully completed the required State Management Review audit, which the U.S. Department of Transportation conducted on COTA last year.

In a news release yesterday, it stated that Ray Tellis, who is the administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Transit Administration Region IX, notified Alfreda Camacho Maratita, special assistant for Public Transportation, last May 2, 2022, thanking COTA for successfully completing the State Management Review audit.

The SMR is a comprehensive oversight review of grantees designed to assess management practices and program implementation to ensure that the programs are administered in accordance with all federal transit law provisions, FTA requirements, and are meeting program objectives.

Specifically, the USDOT: FTA inspected the following areas: Transit Asset Management, Procurement, Drug and Alcohol Program, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, Maintenance, Satisfactory Continuing Control, Legal, Financial Management and Capacity, Technical Capacity -Awards Management, Program Management, Project Management, Title VI, ADA, and the following specific Federal Section Requirements: 5307, 5310, and 5311.

The review was done between March and July 2021.

"The successful completion of this State Management Review audit is a true reflection of [COTSA's] continuing commitment to sound program management, financial capabilities, and technical capacity. It also reflects our commitment as FTA grantee recipients for the CNMI that we are responsible for administering millions of federal funds to which has gone into the creation and the expansion of surface transportation for the betterment of our beloved Commonwealth," said Maratita.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Alfreda Camacho Maratita, special assistant for Public Transportation, poses with Bernardo Bustamante, director for the office of Program Management and Project Oversight, and Ryan Fujii, general engineer, both from the U.S. Department of Transportation - FTA Region IX, during the Territorial Climate and Infrastructure Update Presentations last March in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres thanked Maratita and everyone at COTA—"from the bus drivers to the office staff—for adhering to the federal transit requirements upon their successful completion of the State Management Review audit, and I commend them for their hard work in continuing to provide, ensure, and expand reliable, safe, and comfortable public transportation throughout the Marianas." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## GOP statement on court ruling

*Editor's Note: The Republican Party of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands issued the following statement yesterday relative to CNMI Superior Court judge pro tem Timothy Bellas' ruling that denies the motion of Sen. Paul A. Manglona to intervene in the lawsuit of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres against the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations:*

We thank judge pro tem Bellas for following the rule of law. His ruling reinforces our trust in our judicial system. His ruling is testimony that despite the noise and disinformation campaign by the Democrats, the Judiciary maintains its longstanding and respected reputation as being an independent, noble, and rational body of jurists governed by the rule of law and not emotions or political innuendo.

Further, unlike the botched JGO hearings driven by Rep. Celina Roberto Babauta, the courts applied the rule of law and decorum. Today's ruling slams the door on runaway baseless arguments and selective application of the law.

The moral of the story: just because the Democrats say it's happening doesn't make it true. Even the courts know this.

The bottom line is that the Democrats are failing in their every attempt to delay the process, spin the truth and grab for power ahead and outside of a fair, honest and open election.

The CNMI Republican Party thanks the attorneys and officers of the court for a fair and impartial hearing. The party encourages its supporters to remain humble, always side with the truth and to have faith in God and the good of humanity to advance our movement forward and lift our community up. ***(PR)***

# ‘Display license plates in front and rear of vehicles’

The Department of Public Safety is reminding the public of Public Law 14-18, which requires vehicles in the CNMI to display a license plate in the front and rear sides.

P.L. 14-18, signed into law in 2004, requires “Bureau of Motor Vehicle-issued license plates in the front and rear sides of vehicles, at the factory-designated location (not on the dashboard, or inside the vehicle). Also, the law states that the license plate must be clearly visible from the distance of 50 feet. A few vehicles are utilizing the tinted covers over the license plate and that does not help with their license plate’s visibility.”

Operating a motor vehicle that does not display the Commonwealth plates is considered a misdemeanor offense, which entails imprisonment or fine.

Every owner whose vehicle or bicycle is registered shall display the plates issued by the bureau showing the registration number and year.

“The plates shall be kept clean and the numbers must be clearly visible from a distance of 50 feet. No vehicle or bicycle owner may display an unofficial plate at the front or rear of his vehicle or bicycle,” it states further.

In an effort to assist DPS, both license plates shall be affixed on the proper factory intended areas. This will allow DPS to quickly identify vehicles and will also assist residents to recognize vehicles entering private property. ***(Leigh Gases)***

# Man allegedly punched girlfriend

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A man was arrested and charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly punching his girlfriend in the face after he became jealous as she was singing and dancing while they were drinking.

Superior Court Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed yesterday a $2,000 cash bail on Marco Selepeo Fitial, 41, who is charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

The victim told police that she and Fitial were celebrating Mother’s Day on Sunday all through Monday and were drinking. The police said that Fitial got very jealous because the victim was singing and dancing. “…He was so mad that he punched her and when she saw her nose bleed, she ran away and called for help from the…neighbors.”

Separately, a man called the police on Monday reporting the disturbance in Chalan Kanoa. When police got there, two men pointed toward a blue Artman trash bin repeatedly

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## LIBDAY

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10pm each night

On July 4 itself, there will be a parade that will start at 10am from the Quartermaster on Beach Road and will make its way all through Beach Road until the grandstand at the Garapan Fishing Base. There will be a 30-minute fireworks display in the evening at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said the CNMI hadn't had a Liberation Day parade in the past two years because of COVID-19 issues, "but it's time to come out and enjoy the July 4th activities."

He encourages the community to come up with beautiful floats "and make this year a good one."

LEIGH GASES

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, fifth from left, is joined by the Saipan Mayor's Office staff and Liberation Day planning committee members during yesterday's meeting at the Mayor's Office conference room.

The only difference this year is that there will be no Royal Court, but the previous queens of the past five years from 2019 to 2014 are invited to attend. Also, as of right now, there is no grand marshal for the event yet, but the committee is deciding on having three, to make up for the past two years.

There are also prizes for the best floats that participate in the parade and there is no entrance fee for the float competition. The first-place winner will take home $5,000, second place is $4,000, third place is $3,000, fourth place is $2,000, fifth place is $1,000 and the consolation prize is $500.

There is no set theme for this year's 76th Liberation Day celebration yet, but the committee has expressed its desire to tie it with what has happened in the previous two years during the pandemic. The theme might be decided upon in the next two weeks.

Henry Hofschneider, special assistant to the mayor, is encouraging volunteers to help out with the preparation prior to festivities.

For questions, or to register as a food vendor or to participate in the entertainment, contact the Saipan Mayor's Office at (670)234-6208, or email ykishimoto@mos.gov.mp.

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tion, according to the unofficial results.

If the results stand, he will take office at the end of June for a six-year term with Sara Duterte, the daughter of outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte, as his vice president.

Duterte—who leaves office with a 67% approval rating—nurtured closer ties with China and Russia, while at times railing against the United States.

He walked back on many of his threats against Washington, however, including a move to abrogate a defense pact, and the luster of China's promise of infrastructure investment has dulled, with much failing to materialize.

Whether the recent trend in relations with the U.S. will continue has a lot to do with how President Joe Biden's administration responds to the return of a Marcos to power in the Philippines, said Manila-based political scientist Andrea Chloe Wong, a former researcher in the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs.

"On the one hand you have Biden regarding the geostrategic interests in the Philippines, and on the other hand he has to balance promoting American democratic ideals and human rights," she said.

"If he chooses to do that, he might have to isolate the Marcos administration, so this will definitely be a delicate balancing act for the Philippines, and Marcos' approach to the U.S. will highly depend on how Biden will engage with him."

His election comes at a time when the U.S. has been increasingly focused on the region, embarking on a strategy unveiled in February to considerably broaden U.S. engagement by strengthening a web of security alliances and partnerships, with an emphasis on addressing China's growing influence and ambitions.

Thousands of American and Filipino forces recently wrapped up one of their largest combat exercises in years, which showcased U.S. firepower in the northern Philippines near its sea border with Taiwan.

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saying, "There's the lady."

According to court documents, the caller informed police that he was fixing his washer when he heard a woman calling out, "Brother, brother, I need help," so he walked out of his house and saw a woman with a swollen face. He said she asked him to call the police and then sat by the trash bin, like she was hiding from someone.

When the officer got to the scene, she saw the woman stand up from behind the trash bin and he approached her. It was then that the officer saw that "her entire left cheek [was] swollen with bruising on it" and there was "dried blood inside her nose."

The victim repeatedly said, "I need help" and appeared to be scared. According to court documents, she then looked back at the officer and held her swollen face and asked, "Can you help me? Help me. Drop me in San Antonio."

The next day, officers went to check on the victim at her residence where it was observed that "the left area of [the victim's] face appeared to be purple in color from the eye extending downwards by the nose towards the left side of her lips. Her left cheek also appeared to be swollen as it was bigger than the right side of her face."

It was learned from the victim that she has been in a relationship with Fitial for one year and that she said he is always very jealous.

The victim further said that Fitial has been hitting her and the last time was about two months ago when he slapped her and she called police. However, when police arrived, she withdrew her complaint and sent them away.

She then requested for a temporary restraining order but she "always goes back to him because she really loves him, but no longer wants to see him."

Fitial's preliminary hearing is set for May 18, at 10am.

## MANGLONA

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impeachment hearing in the Senate is fair, just, and impartial," he said.

Named as defendants in this new lawsuit are Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sens. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian), Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Francisco Cruz (R-Rota), Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), and Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan).

Manglona is hoping this lawsuit will be heard before the impeachment trial this Friday.

"Open Government [Act] cases like ours are given top priority so I'm hopeful that we can have a hearing before Friday. Our previous motions were denied because we tried to intervene but now, we are looking forward to our day in court so that we can explain why we are doing this for our people," he said.

Manglona and his co-plaintiffs have filed five causes of actions to sue Republican members of the Senate on the grounds of violations of the Open Government Act, violations of the CNMI Constitution, breach of constitutional duty, and alleged deprivation of due process and civil rights.

As relief, the plaintiffs want the court to grant a restraining order prohibiting the defendants from proceeding with the Senate's impeachment trial under the existing allegedly tainted impeachment rules.

Manglona noted that he and his fellow plaintiffs will file a separate motion for a temporary restraining order before Friday.

In addition, the plaintiffs want the court to declare that the Senate violated the Open Government Act and that the Senate Rules of Impeachment are "invalid, null and void, of no force and effect, and unenforceable."

"The Senate unconstitutionally invaded and attempted to dictate matters that lie within the exclusive province of the House of Representatives. … The defendants collectively, and/or individually, have breached their fiduciary duties and obligations owed to plaintiffs and the CNMI community as a whole," the complaint states.

Also, in the event a senator declines or refuses to participate or vote in the Senate impeachment trial due to a conflict of interest, the plaintiffs want the court to declare that senator's abstention be recorded as an affirmative vote for impeachment.

The plaintiffs also want the court to prohibit the Senate president from imposing "unreasonable restrictions" on the method and manner of the House presentation to the Senate of the case for impeachment, including limitations on the number and identities of House members who may participate in prosecution; as well as order an extension for the House of Representatives to submit their impeachment records.

Judge pro tempore Timothy Bellas earlier denied Manglona's motions because the case he was trying to intervene in was about the subpoena that the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations had issued to compel Torres to testify but the motion from Manglona was not about the subpoena.

Additionally, last Thursday, the court denied Manglona and Deleon Guerrero's request to intervene in the lawsuit filed by Torres against the JGO because it did not meet the requirements of both permissive intervention and intervention of right.

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of the Senate, Superior Court associate judges Kenneth Govendo and Teresa Kim-Tenorio filed their recusal orders in this case.

According to Govendo's order, there would be a conflict of interest if the case is assigned to him as he is friends with Manglona.

"The undersigned is friends with plaintiff Manglona. In addition, Manglona's daughter was the undersigned judge's law clerk for two year" Govendo said.

Kim-Tenorio did not specify her conflict if assigned the case. She returned the case back to Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja for reassignment.

Manglona and his co-plaintiffs have filed five causes of actions in support of their lawsuit against members of the Senate on the grounds of violations of the Open Government Act, violations of the CNMI Constitution, breach of constitutional duty, and alleged deprivation of due process and civil rights.

Named as defendants in this new lawsuit are Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sens. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian), Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Francisco Cruz (R-Rota), Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), and Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan).

In addition, the *pro se* plaintiffs have filed a motion to shorten time for accelerated hearing as mandated by §9916(b)(1) of the Open Government act.

The plaintiffs are essentially asking the Superior Court to schedule an accelerated date and time for a hearing on their complaint alleging multiple, significant, recurring, and continuing Open Government Act violations in this civil action.

"The requested hearing date and time be accelerated and shortened so as to ensure and order that the hearing shall be convened, commenced, and concluded, or before 9am on Friday, May 13, 2022," the motion stated.

# JOURNEY OF STRENGTH PART 1

## STORIES FROM CANCER SURVIVORS

**PATTY CRUZ**

*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Survivor*

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to share your cancer journey, please contact the CHCC Non-Communicable Disease Bureau at **(670) 236-8719**.

My name is Patty Aguon-Cruz. I am a proud Chamorro woman born and raised on the beautiful island of Saipan. I am also a widow and single mother of two amazing children, my son, Dr. Bobby Cruz, and my daughter, Bonny Cruz. By the grace of God, I am also a grateful cancer warrior and survivor. I share my personal cancer story of faith and overcoming, so it might bring hope. November of 2010 was one of the hardest times of my life. I was transported in an ambulance and rushed to the emergency room three times within the month for internal bleeding. Three times I vomited an immense amount of blood that nearly filled a small trash bin. Each time, I was rushed to the emergency room, admitted and treated, then released. Doctors thought I had an ulcer. It turns out that the real diagnosis was far worse: I had stage 3 Large B-Cell Lymphoma. I had a malignant tumor the size of a melon that encroached into my stomach, spleen, and pancreas.

I was finally transported to the Philippines for urgent medical care. Upon arrival, I had another severe bleeding episode and was rushed to the emergency room of Asian Hospital. I recall a day of chaos--seeing doctors fighting desperately to sustain my life. I was in a foreign country where everything was so different from the comfort of my home island. I was lying in a hospital bed, breathing the uncomfortable sterile air, connected to all kinds of medical contraptions, uneasy with pain, and completely at the mercy of people I didn't know. It was at that moment that I thought that I may not ever make it back home to my family. I thought about the harsh reality that I could die. But, at that moment, I recall seeing my son activate his faith and seeing doctors fighting for me. So, I didn't let the darkness pull me down.

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# JOURNEY OF STRENGTH PART 2

## STORIES FROM CANCER SURVIVORS

**PATTY CRUZ**

*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Survivor*

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to share your cancer journey, please contact the CHCC Non-Communicable Disease Bureau at **(670) 236-8719**.

I chose to fight with my faith and visualized my complete healing despite the current circumstance. I decided that I would give every ounce left in me to fight to make it home for my kids. I had a team of seven wonderful medical professionals from one of Asia's best hospitals gather to formulate a plan to save my life. I underwent surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. I spent 14 days in the ICU room and almost six months of my life bedridden in a hospital in a foreign country. I remember at one point having several lines coming out of my body--one line protruding from my stomach for feeding, another line running out of my back to drain the fluid buildup from my partially collapsed lung, another for my urine, and another for access to my vein. I had lost all my hair and had shrunk to nearly half my normal body weight. There is no description to adequately portray the harrowing and traumatic events of that time in my life. But what matters far beyond the trauma is survival. Thankfully, I made it through that difficult time. I know what it means to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually drained and nearly down and out. So, now that I have a second chance at life, I want to control the things in my life that will help me stay strong and healthy. I exercise regularly and make life-giving food choices. I avoid toxic spaces and surround myself with positive energy from positive people. I manage my stress and am a believer in prioritizing mental wellness.

I am a cancer survivor. I fight to stay healthy, so I can make memories with my children and inspire other survivors to keep on fighting. I am proud to say that I went from being bedridden and very nearly dead to now being more alive than I have ever been.

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# TakeCare honors CHCC

TakeCare Insurance Company Inc. celebrated National Hospital Week, May 8 - May 14, by presenting the employees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. with a cake to thank them for their hard work and service to the community's health and well-being.

According to the American Hospital Association, National Hospital Week "is an opportunity to highlight our hospitals, health systems, and health care workers, and the innovative ways they are supporting and connected to their community." ***(PR)***

From left, Nora Mae Fejeran, health plan manager, TakeCare; Esther Muña, chief executive officer, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.; Melani Santos, authorization coordinator/customer service representative, TakeCare; Perlie Santos, chief financial officer, CHCC; and Tiffany Crisostomo, director of revenue, CHCC.
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**DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY**

# 5 CNMI students in Dixie State U's Class of 2022

**ST. GEORGE, Utah**—Five students from the CNMI joined the Dixie State University's largest-ever graduating class of 2,684 degree candidates at the university›s 111th commencement ceremony last May 6.

The CNMI students among the Dixie State University graduating class included Jacklyn Arriola, Alanna Lynn Romolor, Daniel Montano, Mary Grace Anon, and Adrian David, all of them from Saipan

During the ceremony, held in the Greater Zion Stadium on the DSU campus, the university honored the Class of 2022, with 60% receiving bachelor's degrees, 38% associate degrees and 2% master's degrees. Candidates ranged from 16 to 79 years of age and included students from 49 states and 15 countries. Of the graduates, 63% are female and 37% are male.

"What a tremendous honor it is to celebrate the achievements of our graduating Trailblazers," Dixie State University president Richard B. Williams said. "Thanks to the experience they have gained through our hands-on educational opportunities, the Class of 2022 is graduating career-ready and will continue to blaze their own trails and make a difference in the world for years to come."

The featured speaker at the event was Carly Fiorina, founder and chairman of Carly Fiorina Enterprises and former CEO of Hewlett Packard. ***(PR)***

# Guam reports 358th COVID-19-related death, 32 new cases, and 5 hospitalized

Guam's Joint Information Center was notified Tuesday that the U.S. territory's 358th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the U.S. Naval Hospital on May 8, 2022.

The patient was a 49-year-old female, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions, who tested positive on May 8.

"We extend our condolences and wishes for peace to bring her family comfort and courage to face the days ahead," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "The days of pandemic grief are not yet behind us so we must continue pouring our efforts into protecting our loved ones every single day."

Also, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services reported 32 new cases of COVID-19 from 992 specimens analyzed May 9, 2022. A total of 16 of the cases reported Tuesday were through the Department of Defense.

To date, there have been a total of 48,401 officially reported cases in Guam, 358 deaths, 182 cases in active isolation, and 47,861 not in active isolation. ***(PR)***

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- Computer experience using Microsoft applications

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| **-vs- PETRONILA R. GATELA Respondent** | : | **SUMMONS TO ANSWER COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE** |

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## The 2024 presidential election is already strange

**By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN**
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The Cook Report's Amy Walter points out that whether former President Donald Trump takes another run at the Oval Office or not, the 2024 presidential election will have at least one unusual feature. If President Joe Biden runs for re-election and wins the Democratic nomination, he'll extend his own record for oldest major-party nominee. If he doesn't run? Walter calculates that the last person who originally achieved the presidency though election and then chose not to run again was James Buchanan in 1860.

That's a bit tricky; before the two-term limitation kicked in in 1951, the presidents who opted against running for a third term would count, which would make choosing not to run a bit more common. But it's tricky for another reason, too.

Some of those who didn't run were interested in remaining in the White House—but their parties did not share that interest. And before 1968, it was even harder to judge who was really a candidate than it is now. There were presidential primaries starting in the 20th century, but before the electoral reforms of the 1960s they were optional opportunities for candidates to prove their popularity to party actors, and sitting presidents and other strong candidates didn't enter them. The real action happened at national party conventions and shortly before it, and candidates who flopped might never have much of a public record of their candidacies at all.

It's similar to how, nowadays, if a politician gives a few speeches in Iowa and New Hampshire but never advances beyond that stage, it's hard to know whether to classify that as lack of interest by the candidate or by the party. If retiring presidents such as Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and Woodrow Wilson in 1920 are better classified as having run and dropped out than not running at all, then Biden not running would be an even rarer event.

Unless, of course, Biden himself is in that boat—currently running without saying so, and leaving the option of a graceful retirement alive if things look bleak.

We don't and can't know at this point. Whatever Biden is thinking, it's made sense up to this point for the success of his presidency for him to act as if he's running for re-election. Otherwise, he'd be a lame duck, and that would cost him influence.

At some point—probably somewhere between the midterms this November and, say, early 2023—Biden will have

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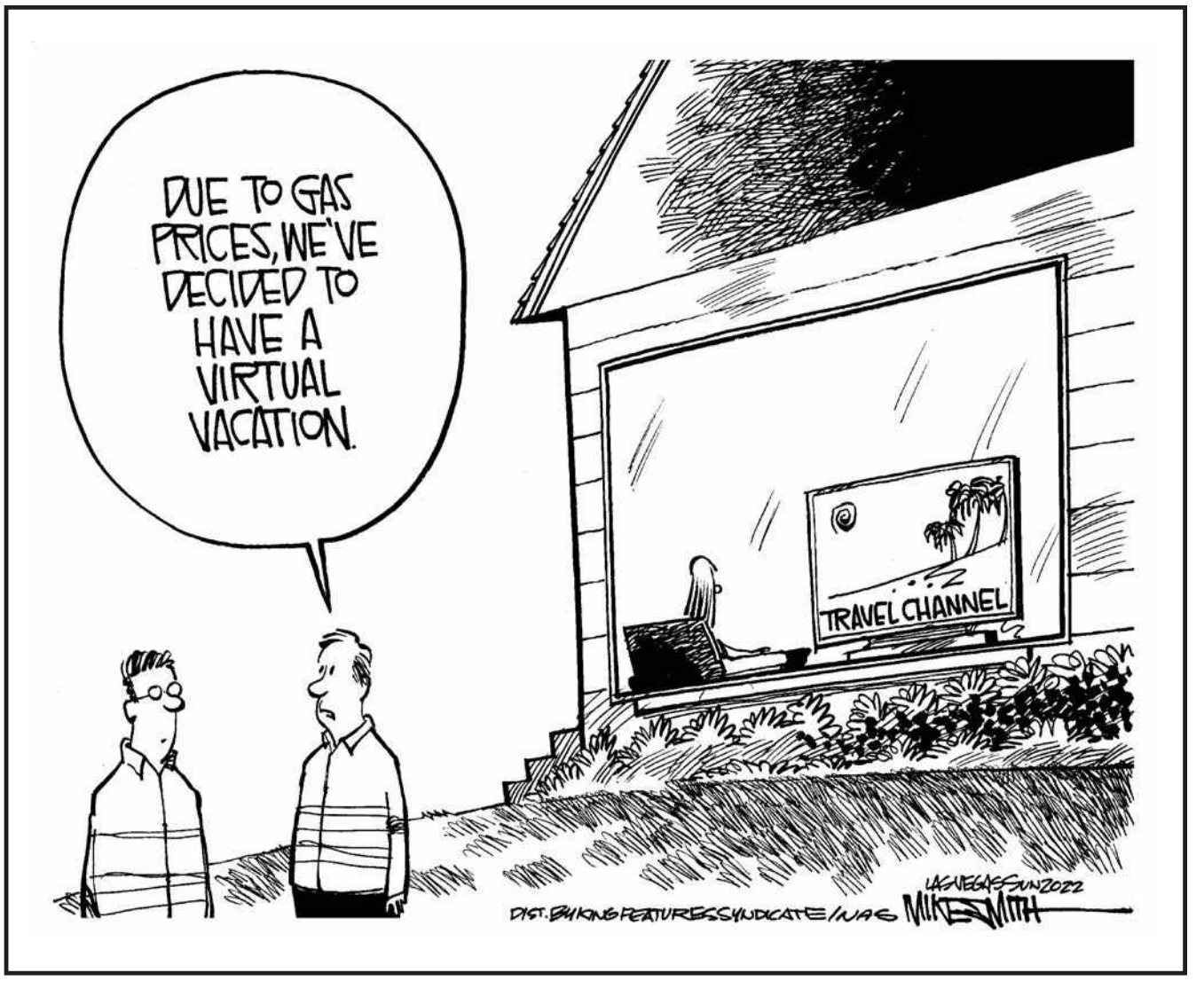
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## The brazenly political Supreme Court shows it will strike down abortion rights

**By ERWIN CHEMERINSKY**
Los Angeles Times

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Although it is shocking that someone in the Supreme Court leaked a purported draft of the opinion overruling Roe v. Wade, no one should be the least bit surprised that it is what the justices are about to do.

The confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett meant that there were five justices who were almost certain votes to overrule Roe. The oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health on Dec. 1 erased any doubt when Justices Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh made clear that is how they would vote, joining Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch to overrule the 49 year-old precedent that protects a woman's right to abortion.

The draft of Alito's majority opinion overruling Roe, which was obtained by Politico, is right-wing Republican politics masquerading as law. In it, Alito declares:

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division."

Every aspect of this statement is wrong. The reasoning of Roe, a 7-2 decision that was repeatedly reaffirmed by the court, was not weak. For decades before Roe, the Supreme Court held that the liberty of the due process clause protected fundamental aspects of privacy and autonomy. Prior to Roe, the court had protected liberties such as the right to marry, the right to procreate, the right to use contraception, the right to control the upbringing of children and the right of every person to choose "whether to bear or beget a child."

Roe followed these decisions with the commonsense realization that laws that prohibit abortion and force a woman to carry a pregnancy to term against her will are intrusions on her autonomy and privacy. Unless the court is going to repudiate all of the other privacy rights, it is impossible to deny that laws prohibiting abortion also intrude on a woman's liberty.

Of course, there is a debate over how the fetus should be regarded and whether a state's desire to protect fetal life justifies infringing a woman's right to privacy. Justice Harry Blackmun's opinion in Roe explained that there is no scientific or medical way to answer the question of when human life begins and therefore until viability—the time at which the fetus can survive outside the womb—it is left to each woman to decide whether to terminate a pregnancy or have an abortion.

There is nothing about this reasoning that is weak. Alito speaks of the damaging consequences. But who is he or the conservative majority to decide what is best for women? Briefs filed in the court include many women, including prominent athletes, describing their choice to have an abortion and why they made that decision without regret.

As I read Alito's reference to "damaging consequences," I think of the women who became pregnant by rape or incest who would have been forced to continue their pregnancy and give birth under the laws that existed before Roe and that will go into effect now.

It also is a mistake to say that it is Roe that inflamed the national debate over abortion. There was a debate about abortion before Roe, as the first states legalized abortion. The debate over abortion has continued over decades and, ironically, what has really fueled the debate over abortion in recent years is the court becoming more willing to uphold laws prohibiting abortion.

Overruling Roe will not end the debate over abortion. Conservative politicians who have successfully used the abortion issue are going to push for ever more draconian laws, such as prohibiting women living in states that outlaw abortion from seeking abortions in states where it remains legal and outlawing contraceptives such the IUD and the morning-after pill.

According to opinion polls, two-thirds of the American people believe that Roe v. Wade should not be overruled. At the oral argument, Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked how the court could survive the "stench" of overruling Roe in a purely political act by conservative justices. How indeed?

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# The dangerous connection between vulgar and violent

**By JOHN M. CRISP**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

After four years in the U.S. Navy and, in the decades since, a steady consumption of modern American media—books, movies, television, the internet—I assumed that I was effectively inoculated—with boosters!—from any shock that a chance encounter with the F-word might produce.

Nevertheless, I recently executed a neck-wrenching double take as I drove through a nearby neighborhood and spied a 4 x 7-foot yard sign declaring, in letters a foot high, "F--- Biden."

The unashamed display of this crude message wasn't a one-off at a white supremacist rally or an insurrection. The neighborhood is upper middle class, the grounds are well manicured and the house is a large, well-maintained domicile on an extensive lot. The incongruity was striking, but should it be alarming?

After all, this isn't the first time our politics has taken a turn toward the coarse and vulgar. Still, a quick internet search for the appropriate words produces a stunning array of merchandise replete with ingenious iterations of the yard sign's crude message, from flags to T-shirts with the F-word shaped by firearms to doormats where you can wipe your feet on Biden's face to rolls of paper that permit you to do the same thing to other parts of your anatomy.

On the other hand, an ebbing tide lowers all boats. Substitute "Trump" for "Biden" in your search and you'll discover the same creative collection of crude merchandise with the opposite message. And then there's Robert De Niro's infamous "F--- Trump" speech at the 2018 Tony Awards.

Amusing or alarming? Is this just sticks-and-stones, reflecting a nation in a cranky mood? Or is it something more insidious?

In an article headlined "The Fragile Republic," published in the September/October issue of Foreign Affairs, political scientists Suzanne Mettler and Robert Lieberman assess the nation's political health in terms of four threats: "political polarization, conflict over who belongs in the political community, high and growing economic inequality, and excessive executive power."

Mettler and Lieberman argue that when one or more of these threats are present, "democracy is prone to decay." They contend that for the first time in U.S. history, all four are present at the same time. Further, all are currently exacerbated by the prominence of social media and the pandemic.

Is there a relationship between the rude yard sign down the street and political polarization, one of the factors that Mettler and Lieberman argue tend to erode democracy? Are citizens crude and vulgar because they are polarized? Or are they polarized because they are crude and vulgar?

I suspect that the distinction between the two questions is irrelevant. It's hard to say which causes which, but the result is a self-perpetuating downward spiral into hardened tribal positions that make negotiation, compromise and even dialogue impossible.

The opposition becomes so demonized that any means to defeat it—even anti-democratic means—are justified. And the body politic can become so polarized that conflict becomes the point. It becomes fighting just for the sake of fighting.

Last week in Ohio J.R. Majewski won the Republican nomination to run against Democrat Marcy Kaptur, the longest-serving woman in the House of Representatives. Majewski is a firm believer in QAnon, he associates with people who have been banned from social media for promoting violent conspiracy theories, and he was present at the Jan. 6 insurrection.

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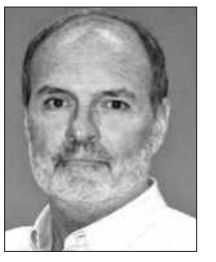

Majewski caught former President Trump's attention when he painted his lawn to resemble a Trump reelection banner. Trump did not endorse Majewski, but he voiced his public support in these telling terms: " … he's a great guy and he's in there fighting for whatever the hell he's fighting for. I don't care."

In other words, it's not about policy or governance; it's about the fighting.

Trump bears a lot of responsibility for the coarsening of American politics, but if you want to argue that Democrats are just as guilty, I won't object. Human nature being what it is, neither side is likely to stop on its own.

Thus, our republic drifts on dangerous seas. As Mettler and Lieberman conclude: "The situation is dire."

# I've had an illegal abortion and a legal abortion.

## The experiences couldn't have been more different

There is a huge difference between illegal and legal abortions. I know. I had one of each.

In 1960 when I was 19 and living with my boyfriend, a medical resident at Yale University hospital, I got pregnant. Thirteen years before Roe v. Wade, in Connecticut the only ground for abortion was if the mother's life were endangered. My boyfriend knew a doctor in his hometown of Philadelphia who agreed to perform a midnight abortion, and so he drove me through darkened streets late one evening. He dropped me at the door of the shuttered office. The doctor was alone, brusque, clearly uncomfortable. This was not a procedure he did regularly but was performing as a favor.

"Lie down," he instructed. I opened my legs and he began scraping my uterus with a curette. The pain was so excruciating and the sound so terrible I moaned, then screamed. The doctor clamped his hand over my mouth and admonished: "Shut up!"

When my boyfriend picked me up for the drive home, I was bleeding, wrapped in towels. For days I continued to hemorrhage, losing big red chunks of tissue. Finally it stopped and, since we were breaking up anyway, I soon left for a Catskills summer camp job. For the next few weeks cramps kept me awake each night, until finally the pain was so strong I hitched a ride to the nearest hospital and staggered into the emergency room. When I told the attending doctor about the abortion, he thundered, "Your pain is God's punishment. And you will never have children! Your tubes are sealed."

It turned out I had severe pelvic infection, with high fever, because the aborting doctor had not ensured a sterile environment. For many miserable days I lay recovering in the hospital, where the admitting doctor took every opportunity to scold me for my sin.

Five years later, married by then, I became pregnant again. This time the news was a joyful occasion, especially since I'd been told I would never be able to conceive. Thrilled with our baby daughter, in two years my husband and I welcomed another child, a son.

In 1974, when these children were in elementary school, I became pregnant again despite using a diaphragm for birth control. Knowing I could not care for a third child while teaching full time and taking night classes, and with my marriage growing rocky, I made an abortion appointment at a Planned Parenthood clinic in New York, where we lived. Arriving in daylight, I encountered pleasant nurses in a clean, well-lit space. After the torture of my first abortion, the brief, painless vacuum aspiration process, and the kindness of my providers, astonished me.

My abortions were difficult and frightening decisions to make. Like all medical procedures, abortion carries some risk, though it is considerably less risky than childbirth. But no matter what the law says, women who often bear the sole responsibility for children will continue to seek and find abortions. When they are legal it's an easy, safe procedure. When women are driven—as I was—to find practitioners in the shadows who may lack specific training or sterile conditions, or when we try to self-abort without medical support, the risk increases. And like people forced into any underground activity, we are vulnerable.

**By JOAN STEINAU LESTER**
Los Angeles Times

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A 16-year-old baby sitter I occasionally employed in 1966 had an abortion pre-Roe v. Wade. It was expensive, as well as dangerous, and she had to borrow the $400 from family, friends and me. The so-called doctor she drove 500 miles to see raped her. But she had no recourse, since the medical procedure she needed was considered illegal.

I am 81 years old now, with no personal stake in abortions. But I know the disastrous consequences for younger women—including, potentially, my 22-year-old granddaughter—if we outlaw them again.

We must keep abortion safe. And to do that, it must be legal.

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to declare one way or the other, because his party will need an answer. Up to that point, everyone is just going to have to wait.

Walter also raises the possibility of a nomination challenge. I've speculated in the past that the magic number in presidential approval rating necessary to spark a serious nomination challenge to a president seeking re-election is around 40% (Biden is now at about 42%).

It's not so much that any president doing better than that is probably popular enough within the party to defeat a challenge. It's that as long as the president is perceived within the party as having a decent chance of being re-elected, the risks of internal squabbling—and the risks of taking on a president and losing—are just too large. As long as almost all party actors follow that logic, it's unlikely that a challenge will build momentum. My strong guess would be that a serious nomination battle involving Biden that would stretch into the primaries is unlikely. If he's unpopular enough that his hold on the nomination is in trouble, he'll surely just announce that he won't seek a second term.

If Biden does remain unpopular, however, the conditions would be close to what has previously set the stage for a serious third-party or independent campaign. Those have usually happened when a sitting president is eligible to run but has weak electoral prospects.

That situation was present for the comparatively strong runs of Ross Perot in 1992, John Anderson in 1980, George Wallace in 1968, Strom Thurmond and Henry Wallace in 1948 and former president Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. (Perot's second campaign, in 1996, was far less successful than his 1992 run; had he run for the first time that year, when a popular Bill Clinton was on the ballot, it's unlikely he would have gone anywhere at all.)

The logic is simple: There are available voters who supported the president four years earlier but have moved away from the incumbent, while out-parties often seem disorganized and unpresidential, especially early in their own nominating process. There's no guarantee that a third-party or independent candidacy would launch in those circumstances; a contender would need a lot of money, fame and political skills to produce a real campaign. But if Biden is a bit more unpopular and is still running next year, the conditions would be right for it.

Early presidential retirements, serious nomination challenges and significant third-party or independent campaigns are all usually the consequence of presidential weakness, not the cause of it. Perhaps things could be different this time—certainly, Biden could choose not to run in 2024 for health or age reasons even if he's far more popular than he is now. But otherwise, the logic of the situation probably hasn't changed.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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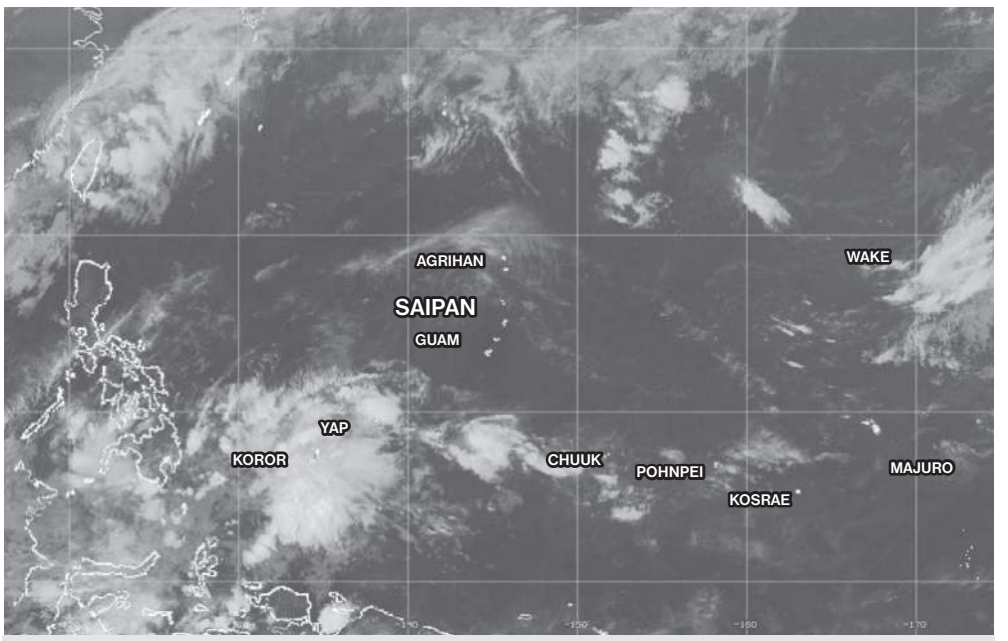


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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Dry trades persist across the Marianas, but to the east, a weak surface trough is crossing 150E and is accompanied by increased low- level cloudiness. Buoys and altimetry data show seas of 5-6 ft around the Marianas, composed mainly of trade-wind swell from just north of east.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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| Guam and Rota | AM Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Palau | Scattered Thunderstorms | 27 / 25 °F |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |
| Chuuk | Scattered Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Pohnpei | Scattered Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Kosrae | Partly Cloudy | 30 / 26 °F |
| Majuro | Scattered Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
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| Today | 05:49 AM | 18:37 PM |
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| Saturday | 05:48 AM | 18:38 PM |
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| Auckland | Sunny | 17 / 8 °F |
| Beijing | Mostly Cloudy | 20 / 9 °F |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorms | 27 / 25 °F |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 28 / 23 °F |
| London | Partly Cloudy | 18 / 10 °F |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 25 / 13 °F |
| Manila | PM Thunderstorms | 36 / 27 °F |
| Melbourne | Showers | 17 / 13 °F |
| Miami | PM Showers | 27 / 23 °F |
| New York | AM Clouds/PM Sun | 22 / 15 °F |
| Osaka | Rain | 21 / 18 °F |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | 22 / 10 °F |
| Busan | Showers | 23 / 16 °F |
| Rome | Mostly Sunny | 27 / 12 °F |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | 28 / 16 °F |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | 15 / 10 °F |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | 28 / 15 °F |
| Tokyo | PM Showers | 24 / 18 °F |
| Washington, DC | Cloudy | 21 / 16 °F |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
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| 04:51 AM | High Tide | 1.95 |
| 11:13 AM | Low Tide | 0.84 |
| 4:44 PM | High Tide | 1.64 |
| 10:51 PM | Low Tide | 0.61 |

# STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

**Continue good hand hygiene**

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

**Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic**

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

**Rumor control**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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| UA174 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | 2, 4 |

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| PR110 | 10:35PM | 4:35AM+1 | 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA184 | 10:25PM | 4:20AM+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA192 | 10:25PM | 6:05AM+1 | 5 via Palau |
| UA184 | 11:50PM | 5:40AM+1 | 5 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 5:45AM+1 | 2, 5, 7 via Guam |
| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 1, 3 via Guam |
| UA184/174 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 4, 6 via Guam |

### INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

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| 7C3406 | 8:30AM | 2:10PM | 6 |
| RS111 | 8:45AM | 2:05PM | 3, 6 |
| 7C3406 | 8:50AM | 2:30PM | 3 |
| TW9307 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 4, 7 |
| OZ623 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 3, 6 |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:00AM | 11:30AM | Daily |
| 1303 | 1:30PM | 2:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 1304 | 3:30PM | 4:00PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3101 | 9:30AM | 10:00AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 12:00AM | 12:30AM | Daily |
| 3103 | 1:30PM | 3:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 3104 | 4:30PM | 5:00PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO GUAM

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3401 | 12:15 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### GUAM TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 4301 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 1201 | 7:00 | 7:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1202 | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00 | 10:15 | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00 | 11:15 | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00 | 12:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1207 | 13:00 | 13:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1208 | 14:00 | 14:15 | Daily |
| 1209 | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Daily |
| 1212 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 2101 | 7:30 | 7:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2102 | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | 10:30 | 10:45 | Daily |
| 2105 | 11:30 | 11:45 | Daily |
| 2106 | 12:30 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2107 | 13:30 | 13:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2108 | 14:30 | 14:45 | Daily |
| 2109 | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | 17:30 | 17:45 | Daily |
| 2112 | 18:30 | 18:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

# Guam legislative resolution backs Taiwan's inclusion in WHO

The 36th Guam Legislature presented a resolution to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam last May 10, supporting Taiwan's participation in the 75th annual assembly of the World Health Organization that will be held on May 22 to 28.

The resolution, sponsored by vice speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes and Sen. Frank Blas Jr., was passed unanimously on April 29. In addition to the vice speaker, legislative secretary Sen. Amanda Shelton, Sen. Tony Ada, and Sen. James Moylan also joined the presentation ceremony at the Guam Congress Building.

After receiving the resolution, TECO director general Paul Chen said that Taiwan won't take this for granted. TECO will bring the direct flights between Taiwan and Guam back. TECO will bring Taiwanese tourists back. TECO is also going to promote more education exchanges between both sides.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Group photo at the resolution presentation. From left, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office consular officer Gary Huang, Sen. James Moylan, Sen. Amanda Shelton, vice speaker Tina Muna Barnes, TECO director general Paul Chen, Sen. Tony Ada, Taiwan Overseas Community Affair Council's associated adviser Jenny Yang, and TECO adviser Edward Lu.

According to Barnes, Taiwan's achievements in health during the COVID-19 pandemic can only be attributed to itself and its ability for early preparedness, health expertise, government competence, and popular alertness. Even though Taiwan has valuable input in regards to COVID-19 and other medical solutions, the WHO still overlooks Taiwan from international events.

The resolution states that Taiwan has demonstrated incredible assistance to Guam's health system over the years, especially during the pandemic, when Taiwan aided Guam by securing over 200,000 masks, 900 pandemic readiness kits, and four full-body temperature scanners with the assistance of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam.

Members of the 36th Guam Legislature aim to reaffirm and deepen the relations that have been built by supporting the efforts to grant Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations.

The resolution also emphasizes that the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of Taiwan "are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy of this great country." Guam "intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic countries in the Pacific."

Chen also appreciates that since TECO reopened in October 2020, the Guam Legislature has officially supported Taiwan's participation in the WHO's annual assembly for two years in a row. TECO also thanks more than 250 people from the island community for joining the beach cleanup event last April 23, which celebrated Earth Day and also raised awareness of Taiwan's exclusion from the WHO. ***(PR)***

## Following outages, Docomo Pacific to heavily invest in network upgrades

**TAMUNING, Guam**— Docomo Pacific, regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, commits urgent focus and additional capital investment to improve network reliability following recent outages.

Last May 5, 2022, Docomo Pacific customers experienced a major outage affecting internet and fixed services. The outage lasted approximately seven hours. Additionally, Docomo Pacific's call centers in both Guam and CNMI were unable to receive calls. The exact cause is under investigation, but service issues began with an unscheduled power outage that happened in Guam around 7am.

"You rely on us to stay connected with your family, friends, co-workers, and customers. As your trusted telecom provider, we hold ourselves to the highest standards but with recent interruptions, we have not delivered. We will do everything we can to regain your trust, beginning with an immediate credit to customers affected by yesterday's outage. Starting today and over the next year, we will commit the necessary capital resources focused on our internet service to meet your high expectations," said Roderick Boss, president and chief executive officer of Docomo Pacific.

Docomo Pacific customers affected by the May 5 outage will receive a $5 credit reflected in the next billing cycle. ***(PR)***

# NMC recognizes 37 scholarship recipients

NMC

From left, Northern Marianas College Financial Aid Office director Daisy Manglona-Propst, NMC interim dean for Academic Programs and Services Vilma Reyes, Matson scholarship recipient Jessy Lou Lizama, NMC dean for Student Support Services Charlotte Cepeda, Matson scholarship recipients Maricon Bricia-Allen and Jamerie Paras, Matson liaison Marites Yumul, Matson scholarship recipient Ross Anthony Arriola, and NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.

NMC

Top row: Northern Marianas College Financial Aid Office director Daisy Manglona-Propst, NMC interim dean for Academic Programs and Services Vilma Reyes, NMC dean for Student Support Services Charlotte Cepeda, Tan Siu Lin Foundation assistant manager Raymond Zapanta, administrative assistant to Tan Holdings CEO Hannah Santos, TSL Foundation administrative officer Rina Robles, and NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D. Bottom row: From left, Tan Siu Lin Foundation scholarship recipients Jerwin Raquepo, Laurina Sebaklim, Micah Larioza, Maricon Bricia-Allen, Redz Rivera, and Amy Soliman.

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NMC

Top row: From left, Northern Marianas College Financial Aid Office director Daisy Manglona-Propst, NMC interim dean for Academic Programs and Services Vilma Reyes, NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D, and NMC dean for Student Support Services Charlotte Cepeda. Bottom row: From left, Asian and Pacific Islander American – Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution scholarship recipients Anette Agulto, Jermaine Salas Jr, Susan Ma, Lesly Ibarra, Victoria Matsunaga, Eloise Lopez, and Edieson Aguirre.

Northern Marianas College recognized 37 scholarship recipients who received financial aid from various private organizations such as the Asian and Pacific Islander American-Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the Matson scholarship program.

The students were recognized at a small gathering at NMC's Mango Terrace on Friday, May 6. Recipients from academic years 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 were honored at the event.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation scholarship recipients are Edieson Aguirre, James Benjamin, Maricon Bricia-Allen, Aysha Cabrera, Mary Deala, Maritoni Duarte, Charlotte Flores, Kate Garcia, Liqi Huang, Micah Larioza, Jessy Lou Lizama, Victoria Matsunaga, Jamerie Paras, Jerwin Raquepo, Redz Rivera, Cristina Ruiz, Carla Sablan, Laurina Sebaklim, Amy Soliman, and Marylyn Tabuena.

The recipients of Matson's scholarship program are Joyce Cuenca, Jessy Lou Lizama, Jamerie Paras, Ross Anthony Arriola, and Maricon Bricia-Allen.

APIA-AANAPISI also awarded scholarships to Edieson Aguirre, Annette Shianne Agulto, Elisa Guerrero, Lesly Ibarra, Jerrid Igisaiar, Lorielyn Monica Lacay, Eloise Lopez, Susan Ma, Asiana Manglona, Jomanda Manglona, Abbygail Manuel, Victoria Matsunaga, Abbygail Muleta, Jayda Rinessa Pangelinan, John David Reyes, Carla Sablan, Jermaine Jr. Salas, Carmen San Nicolas, and Christina Tudela.

"The college is grateful to Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and Matson for continuing to support NMC students," said NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D. "These funds go a long way in helping our students reach their educational and professional goals."

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution Scholarship program is a collaboration with AANAPISIs and the communities they serve that provides scholarships, expands institution capacity and mobilizes local resources to help foster economic development. Applicants for the scholarship must be full-time students in a degree-seeking program and be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity. Applicants must also be citizens, nationals, or legal permanent residents of the United States.

Tan Siu Lin Foundation scholarships are awarded based on merit and are awarded on the basis of the candidate's community involvement, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The written essay also plays a key role in the final selection of scholarship recipients.

Matson awards scholarships to full-time NMC students pursuing a degree in either a bachelor's in business management or an associate of science in accounting during each academic school year. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need, merit, eligibility, the content of the applicant's essay, and an interview panel.

For more information about available scholarships at NMC call 237-6791 or visit *www.marianas.edu.* ***(NMC)***

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**NMCRQS 22-002**

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The request for "Statement of Qualification (RQS)" packets are available at NMC, Procurement Office commencing 10:00am Friday, April 29, 2022 for Electronic packet email request to anita.camacho@marianas.edu.

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Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho
Procurement & Property Manager

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS (2):** Elementary School Teacher – Prepare, teach, and facilitate lessons and monitor and manage students in classroom in accordance to the set objectives of the school curriculum. Give assignments, grade, and provide feedback on student work. Complete general administrative work and participate in extracurricular activities. Education: Bachelor's in Primary or Secondary Education; Experience: 24 Months as an Elementary, Middle, or Secondary School Teacher. Send Resume to: Green Meadow School, Attn: Milagros Songcuan, P.O. Box 502862, MP 96950.

# Nation

## House OKs $40B Ukraine aid

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The House emphatically approved a fresh $40 billion Ukraine aid package Tuesday as lawmakers beefed up President Joe Biden's initial request, signaling a magnified, bipartisan commitment to thwart Russian President Vladimir Putin's bloody three-month-old invasion.

The measure sailed to passage by a lopsided 368-57 margin, providing $7 billion more than Biden's request from April and dividing the increase evenly between defense and humanitarian programs. The bill would give Ukraine military and economic assistance, help regional allies, replenish weapons the Pentagon has shipped overseas and provide $5 billion to address global food shortages caused by the war's crippling of Ukraine's normally robust production of many crops.

The measure was backed by every voting Democrat and by nearly 3 out of 4 Republicans. House debate reflected a perspective, shared broadly by both parties, that the U.S. has even more at stake than standing by Ukraine.

"The Ukrainian people, they need us, they are in desperate need of our support," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., chair of the House Appropriations Committee. "Vladimir Putin and his cronies must be held responsible. This bill does that by protecting democracy, limiting Russian aggression and strengthening our own national security."

"As China, Iran and North Korea watch our response, we must show the world that America stands firm with its allies and will do what is necessary to protect our interests abroad," said Rep. Kay Granger of Texas, top Republican on that committee.

## Bill would make Roe v. Wade law, and expand it

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer says Democrats' abortion legislation is "very simple," as it would enshrine into federal law the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

Senate Democrats are moving quickly to try to codify the 50-year-old ruling after a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion suggesting the court is poised to overturn the case was leaked last week. But they don't have enough votes, and Republicans are expected to block the bill in a test vote Wednesday.

But if the Democratic legislation were to become law, it would do more than just preserve the status quo.

The bill would also expand protections, invalidating many state laws that Democrats and abortion rights advocates say have infringed on the original 1973 ruling. Two Republican senators who support abortion rights have indicated they won't vote for it, instead favoring their own, narrower legislation.

Broadly, the main objective of the legislation is to codify Roe v. Wade into federal law, meaning it would be much harder for the Supreme Court to overturn. In the five decades the ruling has been court precedent, abortion-rights supporters have not been able to pass federal legislation to legalize abortion. And because the Supreme Court decided on that right, it can also take it away—however rare that move may be.

In codifying Roe, the legislation would establish that health care providers have rights to provide abortion services and that patients have a right to receive abortions.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Biden sees bigger role for US farms due to Ukraine war

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Joe Biden wants to put a spotlight on the spike in food prices from Russia's invasion of Ukraine when he travels to an Illinois farm to emphasize how U.S. agricultural exports can relieve the financial pressures being felt worldwide. The war in Ukraine has disrupted the supply of that country's wheat to global markets, while also triggering higher costs for oil, natural gas and fertilizer. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said its food price index in April jumped nearly 30% from a year ago, though the index did decline slightly on a monthly basis. Americans are also bearing some pain as food prices are up 8.8% from a year ago, the most since May 1981.

#### House votes to let aides unionize, bargain collectively

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The House approved a resolution Tuesday that will pave the way for letting congressional staff join a union and engage in collective bargaining, a move that proponents say would enhance the ability of aides from low-and-middle-income families to make ends meet in a region with steep housing costs. Rep. Andy Levin, D-Mich., sponsored the resolution. He said that if workers have more of a say about working conditions and pay, it will lead to lower turnover and make Congress a more effective institution. He also called the ability to unionize an equity issue since many people can't afford to consider a job in Washington because the cost of housing is so great.

#### Bill Gates says he has COVID, experiencing mild symptoms

**SEATTLE** (AP)—Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates said Tuesday he has tested positive for COVID-19 and is experiencing mild symptoms. Via Twitter, the billionaire philanthropist said he will isolate until he is again healthy. "I'm fortunate to be vaccinated and boosted and have access to testing and great medical care," Gates wrote. The Seattle-based Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is the most influential private foundation in the world, with an endowment of about $65 billion.

#### Musk says he would reverse Twitter's ban of Donald Trump

**LONDON** (AP)—Elon Musk said Twitter would reverse its ban of former President Donald Trump if his purchase of the social media company goes through, signaling just how permissive the platform could become toward free speech under his ownership. Speaking virtually at an auto conference, the Tesla CEO said Tuesday that Twitter's ban of Trump following the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol was a "morally bad decision" and "foolish in the extreme." "I think that was a mistake because it alienated a large part of the country and did not ultimately result in Donald Trump not having a voice," said Musk, adding that he preferred temporary suspensions and other narrowly tailored punishments for content that is illegal or otherwise "destructive to the world." Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey voiced his agreement in a Tuesday tweet in which he said "generally permanent bans are a failure of ours and don't work."

# World

## Ukraine makes gains in east and hold on at Mariupol mill

AP

A local resident rides a bike past a destroyed Russian military vehicle in Bucha, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

**ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine** (AP)—Ukraine's natural gas pipeline operator said Wednesday it would stop Russian shipments through a key hub in the east of the country, while its president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said Kyiv's military had made small gains, pushing Russian forces out of four villages near Kharkiv.

The pipeline operator said Russian shipments through its Novopskov hub, in an area controlled by Moscow-backed separatists, would be cut beginning Wednesday. It said the hub handles about a third of Russian gas passing through Ukraine to Western Europe. Russia's state-owned natural gas giant Gazprom put the figure at about a quarter.

The operator said it was stopping the flow because of interference from "occupying forces," including the apparent siphoning of gas. Russia could reroute shipments through Sudzha, a main hub in a northern part of the country controlled by Ukraine, it said. But Gazprom spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov said that would be "technologically impossible."

Zelenskyy said Tuesday that the military was gradually pushing Russian troops away from Kharkiv, while Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba voiced what appeared to be increasing confidence—and expanded goals, suggesting Ukraine could go beyond just forcing Russia back to areas it held before the invasion began 11 weeks ago.

Kuleba told the Financial Times that Ukraine initially believed victory would be the withdrawal of Russian troops to positions they occupied before the Feb. 24 invasion. But the focus shifted to the eastern industrial heartland of the Donbas after Russian forces failed to take Kyiv early in the war.

"Now if we are strong enough on the military front, and we win the battle for Donbas, which will be crucial for the following dynamics of the war, of course the victory for us in this war will be the liberation of the rest of our territories," Kuleba said.

## Al-Jazeera reporter killed during Israeli raid

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—An Al-Jazeera journalist was shot and killed while covering an Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank town of Jenin early Wednesday, the Palestinian health ministry said.

It said Shireen Abu Akleh, a well-known Palestinian reporter for the broadcaster's Arabic language channel, was shot and died soon afterward. Another Palestinian journalist working for the Jerusalem-based Al-Quds newspaper was wounded but in stable condition.

The health ministry said the reporters were hit by Israeli fire. In video footage of the incident, Abu Akleh can be seen wearing a blue flak jacket clearly marked with the word "PRESS."

The Israeli military said its forces came under attack with heavy gunfire and explosives while operating in Jenin, and that they fired back. The military said it is "investigating the event and looking into the possibility that the journalists were hit by the Palestinian gunmen."

Israel has carried out near-daily raids in the occupied West Bank in recent weeks amid a series of deadly attacks inside Israel, many of them carried out by Palestinians from in and around Jenin. The town, and particularly its refugee camp, has long been known as a militant bastion.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war, and the Palestinians want the territory to form the main part of their future state. Nearly 3 million Palestinians live in the territory under Israeli military rule. Israel has built more than 130 settlements across the West Bank that are home to nearly 500,000 Jewish settlers, who have full Israeli citizenship.

## Shanghai reaffirms 'zero-COVID'; WHO says not sustainable

**BEIJING** (AP)—Shanghai reaffirmed China's strict "zero-COVID" approach to pandemic control Wednesday, a day after the head of the World Health Organization said that was not sustainable and urged China to change strategies.

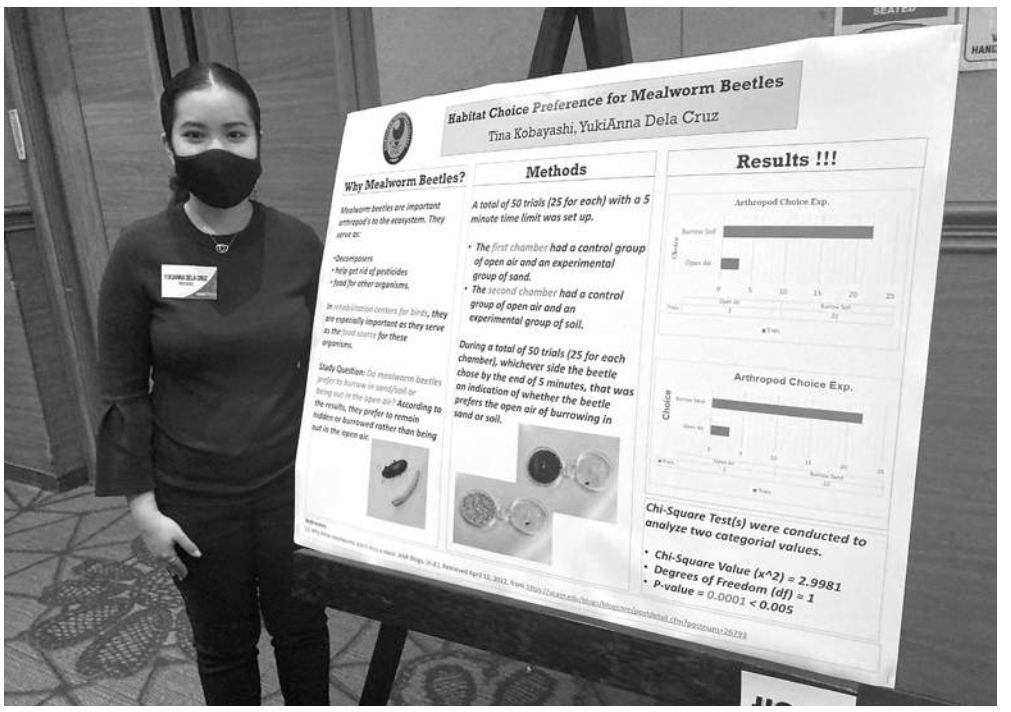
While China's largest city has seen progress in controlling the COVID-19 outbreak, any relaxation in prevention and control measures could allow it to rebound, deputy director of Shanghai's Center for Disease Control Wu Huanyu told reporters.

"At the same time, now is also the most difficult and critical moment for our city to achieve zero-COVID," Wu said at a daily briefing.

"Should we relax our vigilance, the epidemic may rebound, so it is necessary to persistently implement the prevention and control work without relaxing," he said.

Wu gave no indication he was aware of the comments by WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who said he had been holding discussions with Chinese experts on the need to transition to a new approach in light of new knowledge about the virus.

# Environment


Habitat Choice Preference for Mealworm Beetles
Tina Kobayashi, YukiAnna Dela Cruz
Why Mealworm Beetles?
Methods
A total of 50 trials (25 for each) with a 5 minute time limit was set up.
Results !!!
Arthropod Choice Exp.
Chi-Square Test(s) were conducted to analyze two categorial values.
Chi-Square Value (x^2) = 2.9981
Degrees of Freedom (df) = 1
P-value = 0.0001 < 0.005

IVA MAURIN

Northern Mariana College student YukiAnna Dela Cruz presenting her research on Habitat Choice Preference for Mealworm Beetles at the 2nd Annual Research Symposium last April 29, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall in Susupe.

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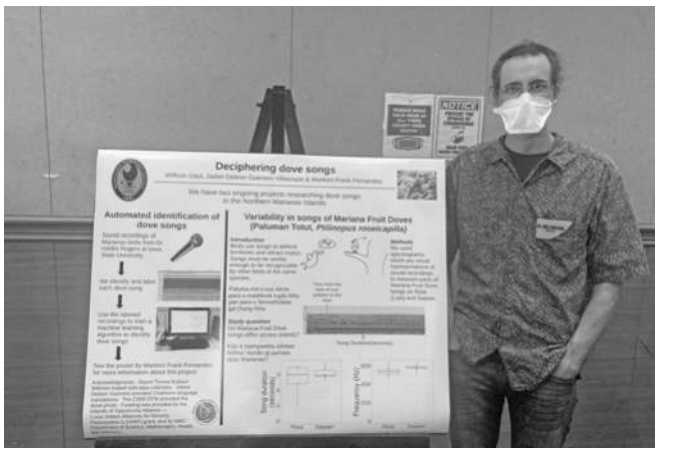
Northern Mariana College students Daryll De Luna, Alussa Galvez, and Mark Galang entertain questions from the guests interested in their research, Trash to Gas, at the 2nd Annual Research Symposium last April 29, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall in Susupe.


Deciphering dove songs
Automated identification of dove songs
Variability in songs of Mariana Fruit Doves (Ptilinopus roseicapilla)

IVA MAURIN

Northern Mariana College Biology professor Dr. Willson Gaul presents the results of a research on deciphering dove songs at the 2nd Annual Research Symposium last April 29, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall in Susupe. He worked on this research alongside Jaden Deleon Guerrero Villacrusis and Maritoni Frank Fernandez.

## Preparing brilliants minds for the

# CNMI's future

**By IVA MAURIN**
CORRESPONDENT

Given a choice between staying out in the open or burying itself in sand, mealworm beetles would rather remain hidden. Also, it turns out that a specific mixture of fresh manure, mashed bananas, and water can produce the most amount of biogas.

These amazing findings were shared at the 2nd Annual Research Symposium last April 29 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe, where Northern Mariana College students took center stage to present their findings and the results of their research in the fields of science, technology, agriculture, and engineering.

About 50 students, along with some faculty, gave poster presentations before a crowd of policy makers, educators, scientists, and environmentalists at the symposium, which was organized by Project PROA and the Sciences, Mathematics, Health & Athletics department of NMC.

Among the poster presentations centered on environment were "Trash Into Gas" by Daryll De Luna, Alyssa Galvez, Mark Galang, John Christopher Fabros, and Donavon Flores; "Habitat Preference for Mealworm Beetles" by Tina Kobayashi and YukiAnna Dela Cruz; "Soaking Up Sunshine" by Mateo Guerrero, Won Kim, Justine Nauta, Kaye Obando, and Jaydine Parico; and "Deciphering Dove Songs" by Dr. Willson Gaul, Jaden Deleon Guerrero Villacrusis, and Maritoni Frank Fernandez.

NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D., said that at the core of the college's new strategic master plan is the value of stewardship, translated with the research symposium and academic programs using what they refer to as Stewardship through Scholarship.

"What we're doing is we are helping equip our students with the research skills they need to solve the most difficult and pressing problems of our day, whether it be in the environment…the economy or…something broader in society. We evolve to take care of our people, our resources in our community," Deleon Guerrero said.

### Where can we find mealworm beetles?

Curious to find out where best to find mealworm beetles, De la Cruz conducted 50 trials where the insects were made to choose whether to stay out in the open air or bury themselves in sand or soil. The conclusion? The arthropod prefers to remain hidden or burrowed.

"Insects are very great examples to use because they very much help humans and they're very much more evolved. Especially with the environment, they help as decomposers, they also help get rid of pesticides, and they also are food choices for other organisms, especially for birds," De la Cruz told Saipan Tribune.

De la Cruz's professor did find some of the beetles on the sidewalk of the American Memorial Park, she found in her research that the beetles like to be hidden in the sand and soil. In the poster, De la Cruz and Kobayashi noted that aside tom being decomposers and food for other organisms, mealworm beetles also help get rid of pesticides.

"Once we analyzed all of our data, we found that they made the conscious decision of choosing the sand or the soil instead of just being out in the open. … By observing their behavior, we can use this as a way for us to figure out: Can we use this as a way to get rid of pesticides?"

### Finding an alternative source of fuel

Looking to find alternative sources of fuel on island, especially with gas prices going up, the student researchers chose to study biogas production with livestock, experimenting with cow manure and mixing it with vegetable peelings or mashed bananas to see which mixture produces the most gas.

"Is it possible here on Saipan? It turns out yes, it is possible. You just need cow manure and biomass. If you mix those two together with water inside of a container and let it ferment for a few days, you can harvest biogas," De Luna told Saipan Tribune.

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"Soaking Up Sunshine" researchers Won Kim, Mateo Guerrero, Jaydine Parico, and Justine Nauta present their study on how energy from the sun gets absorbed by colors. Kaye Obando not in photo.

Galvez explained that using balloons, and a mixture of 28 grams of cow manure, 28 grams of vegetable peelings/mashed bananas, and water placed in bottles, they were able to identify which mixture gave the most successful outcome, that is, the manure mixed with mashed bananas and water. The students also noted that they were able to successfully produce gas using fresh and semi-fresh manure, compared with day-old ones.

"Biogas contains methane, which is the base of our everyday fuel—the fuel that we use in cars and so on, so forth. We know that biogas can be a reliable source of fuel, it's just a matter of harvesting it."

The students emphasized that manure—given that they can be easily collected in cattle farms—can be an alternative energy source for livestock farmers.

### Color choices as the island warms up

Experimenting with the power of the sun and how it affects day-to-day life on island, the students researched on how colors impact heat. Using colored construction papers, an infrared thermometer, and the sun, the group concluded that darker colors emit and absorb more radiant energy than lighter ones.

"We hypothesized that darker colors absorb the most amount of heat and lighter colors the least amount," Nauta said. "We placed 4"x4" colored construction papers, took its temperature, transferred it on a light colored surface, and put it under the sunlight. After a minute, we take its temperature again. Our findings were consistent with the hypothesis because darker colors did absorb the most amount of heat," she said.

"Sunlight carries energy and as soon as it reaches a surface such as your shirt, it will be absorbed and transferred into heat. This study was conducted to replicate previous findings that determine how high the amount of radiant energy is absorbed and affected by an item's color," she added.

The group also related their study to climate change, adding that as it gets hotter in the CNMI, the project will prove practical not just in people's clothing choices, but also in terms of the construction and design of buildings in the future.

### Using technology to identify bird songs

With the government working to secure the future of endemic birds through translocation, research is also being done at NMC on the possibility of using apps to automatically identify bird songs.

NMC pre-engineering student Maritoni Fernandez said that, by using the app Audacity, she is building a spectrogram—a visual representations of sound recordings—of bird songs, using sound recordings from Dr. Halter Rogers of Iowa State University, particularly of the White-Throated Ground Dove, Philippine Collared Dove, and the Marianas Fruit Dove.

"This [research] basically helps us understand the types of doves we have on our island, and be able to have more knowledge on them, and know the population that's currently on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, and hopefully, the Northern Islands," she said.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has a long-term project to translocating bird species to the Northern Islands, including the Mariana Fruit Dove, but sending people to the islands to keep checking on the birds is logistically very demanding.

"What we would love to be able to do is put a microphone and a sound recorder up on the Northern Islands and leave it there all year and then come back a year later and pick up the sound recordings and use that to study how the birds have been doing," said Gaul, a Biology professor at NMC who is working with Fernandez on the research.

"The problem with that is if you leave a sound recorder up there all year, you're going to have thousands of hours of sound recording—way too much for a person to listen to on their own. But if we can get a computer that is able to identify the bird sounds in that recording, then we could analyze thousands of hours from the Northern Islands easily," he added.

Aside from the automated identification of dove songs, Gaul is also working on another research about the variability in songs of Mariana Fruit Doves across the islands.

# Life & Style

## Celebrity chef Mario Batali acquitted of sexual misconduct

**BOSTON** (AP)—Mario Batali was found not guilty of indecent assault and battery on Tuesday, following a swift trial in which the celebrity chef waived his right to have a jury decide his fate in a criminal case that arose from the global #MeToo movement against sexual abuse and harassment.

The 61-year-old former Food Network personality quickly strode out of the courtroom with his lawyers without commenting on the case, which centered on allegations that he aggressively kissed and groped a Boston woman while taking a selfie at a bar in 2017.

Batali

In delivering the verdict, Boston Municipal Court Judge James Stanton agreed with Batali's lawyers that the accuser had credibility issues and that photos suggested the encounter was amicable.

"Pictures are worth a thousand words," he said.

But the judge also rebuked Batali while suggesting the former star of shows like "Molto Mario" and "Iron Chef America" has already paid "a high cost" in terms of his diminished reputation and financial losses.

"It's an understatement to say that Mr. Batali did not cover himself in glory on the night in question," Stanton said after prosecutors argued he was visibly drunk in the photos. "His conduct, his appearance and his demeanor were not befitting of a public person of his stature at that time."

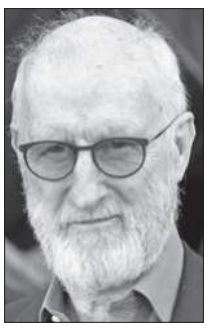
Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he was disappointed in the verdict but grateful Batali's accuser had come forward.

"It can be incredibly difficult for a victim to disclose a sexual assault," he said in a statement. "When the individual who committed such an abhorrent act is in a position of power or celebrity, the decision to report an assault can become all the more challenging and intimidating."

Batali, who pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and battery in 2019, took a calculated gamble that Stanton, a former Republican candidate for state representative appointed to the bench by Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, would rule more favorably than a Boston jury.

## 'Succession' star glues hand to Starbucks counter in protest

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Actor and activist James Cromwell has gone from "Succession's" Uncle Ewan to real-life supergluin' — pasting his hand to a midtown Manhattan Starbucks counter on Tuesday to protest the coffee chain's extra charge for plant-based milk. The 82-year-old Oscar nominee, known for "Babe: Pig in the City" and "L.A. Confidential," channeled his role as the crotchety, anti-capitalist brother of a billionaire media mogul for the protest organized by the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.


Cromwell

Cromwell sat on the Starbucks counter wearing a "Free the Animals" T-shirt and read a statement denouncing the surcharge for vegan milk alternatives.

"When will you stop raking in huge profits while customers, animals and the environment suffer?" he demanded as fellow activists streamed the protest on Facebook.

Cromwell glued his hand to the counter, then later used a knife to scrape it off. Police said there were no arrests.

Starbucks outlets in the United States charge 50 cents to a dollar more drinks made with plant-based milks.

"Customers can customize any beverage on the menu with a non-dairy milk, including soymilk, coconutmilk, almondmilk, and oatmilk for an additional cost (similar to other beverage customizations such as an additional espresso shot or syrup)," a Starbucks spokesperson said in a statement. "Pricing varies market by market."

## Tulsa ballerina statue to be restored; more pieces found

**TULSA, Okla.** (AP)—Enough pieces of a bronze statue of a famous Native American ballerina thaxt was stolen in Tulsa have been recovered to restore it, historical officials said.

The additional missing pieces of the statue of Marjorie Tallchief that were found include the head, said Tulsa Historical Society and Museum Director Michelle Place, according to the Tulsa World.

Still missing are the lower portion of each leg, both feet and one arm, but Gary Henson, one of the original sculptors, said he will be able to restore it.

"You won't be able to tell that it was ever cut up when I'm done," Henson said. "Nothing is ever really lost," he told the newspaper.

AP

Sculptor Gary Henson, who made the Marjorie Tallchief statue that was stolen from the Tulsa Historical Society and cutup for scrap metal, shows the parts which he will reassemble at the Boys and Girls Club in Chelsea, Okla., on Monday, May 9, 2022.

The statue is believed to have been stolen April 28 and cut into pieces that have been found at different recycling centers in the Tulsa area, Place said, but no arrests have been made.

Tallchief and her sister, Maria Tallchief, were among five renowned Native American ballerinas from Oklahoma known as Five Moons and a bronze statue of each was unveiled outside the Tulsa museum in 2007.

## Rappers Young Thug, Gunna charged with racketeering

**ATLANTA** (AP)—Atlanta rapper Young Thug co-founded a violent street gang that committed multiple murders, shootings and carjackings over roughly a decade and promoted its activities in songs and on social media, prosecutors allege in a sprawling indictment that charges him, rapper Gunna and 26 others with racketeering.

The 88-page indictment filed Monday in Georgia's Fulton County quotes lyrics from multiple music videos as evidence and accuses alleged gang members of committing violent crimes to collect money for the gang, promote its reputation and enhance its power and territory.

"It does not matter what your notoriety is, what your fame is, if you come to Fulton County, Georgia, and you commit crimes, ... you are going to become a target and a focus of this district attorney's office, and we are going to prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law," Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis said Tuesday at a news conference announcing the charges.

## Prince William gives personal tribute to concert bombing victims

**LONDON** (AP)—Prince William spoke of his own grief Tuesday as he gave a personal tribute to the families of 22 people who were killed when a suicide bomber targeted an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena five years ago.

William and his wife. Kate, were attending the official opening of a public memorial in the city of Manchester, which comes ahead of the fifth anniversary of the terror attack on May 22, 2017.

The prince told families of those who died he knew that "the pain and the trauma felt by many has not gone away."

"As someone who lives with his own grief, I also know that what often matters most to the bereaved is that those we have lost are not forgotten," William said. "There is comfort in remembering. In acknowledging that, while taken horribly soon, they lived."

## Children aren't told that great-grandpa passed away

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter-in-law, "Brooke," lost her grandfather five weeks ago. She has chosen not to tell her 4- and 10-year-old kids about it. She has ordered my husband, me and our son not to mention it. The kids see her grandmother at least once a week, and SHE is not supposed to tell them either.

I didn't know the kids hadn't been told and I started to say something at a family dinner. The 10-year-old heard me, and I got shushed. I'm mad at the whole situation. Brooke refuses to tell them "until she's ready," and I couldn't disagree more. I understand her grief. I have lost grandparents and parents. The services won't be for several weeks. I understand she can't deal with the loss yet, but denying her kids the truth only delays her grieving process and also doesn't allow them their time to grieve and process.

Now Brooke is mad and screaming and crying about it. I'm trying to back off, but I'm angry that her needs are being put first and at being told I made a horrible mistake by offering the love and caring I thought they needed. How can I repair the perceived mistake I have made?

**VEXED IN VERMONT**

**DEAR VEXED: If you were unaware that your DIL was trying to shield her kids from the reality of their great-grandfather's death when you spoke out, you did nothing wrong. However, you should have offered an apology to her privately. Back off and lie low until the funeral. Your DIL is not herself right now. She needs time to cool off and regain some perspective. It would be interesting to know how your son feels about the way she's handling this. With luck, he can smooth things over.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband leaves town for a work trip or a vacation, or if I'm out of town for any period of time, we are suddenly in love again! We miss each other like crazy and send loving texts and exchange mushy phone calls like we're still newlyweds.

When he's home and we're living life with jobs, kids, bills and responsibilities, we are disconnected and distant. We interact more as partners and friends than romantic lovers. We've been married for 21 years, and it's always been this way. Does absence truly make the heart grow fonder, or can we stand each other only when we're not together?

**PERPLEXED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR PERPLEXED: Absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder, nor does it necessarily drive a wedge between a couple whose marriage has a strong foundation.**

### DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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**That when you are apart you and your husband feel the need for the romantic connection that brought you together tells me your marriage is strong in spite of the responsibilities of your daily lives. Have you considered treating yourselves to an occasional date night, just the two of you, away from the distractions of the children? If you haven't, I'll bet you would both enjoy it.**

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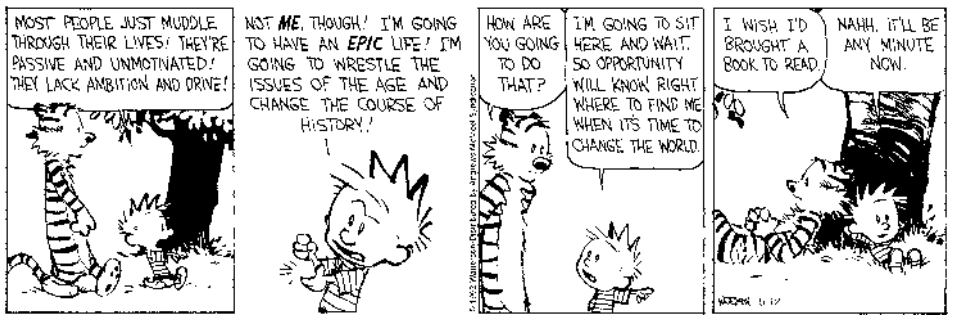
*Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


MOST PEOPLE JUST MUDDLE THROUGH THEIR LIVES! THEY'RE PASSIVE AND UNMOTIVATED! THEY LACK AMBITION AND DRIVE!
NOT ME, THOUGH! I'M GOING TO HAVE AN EPIC LIFE! I'M GOING TO WRESTLE THE ISSUES OF THE AGE AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY!
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?
I'M GOING TO SIT HERE AND WAIT. SO OPPORTUNITY WILL KNOW RIGHT WHERE TO FIND ME WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
I WISH I'D BROUGHT A BOOK TO READ.
NAHH. IT'LL BE ANY MINUTE NOW.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

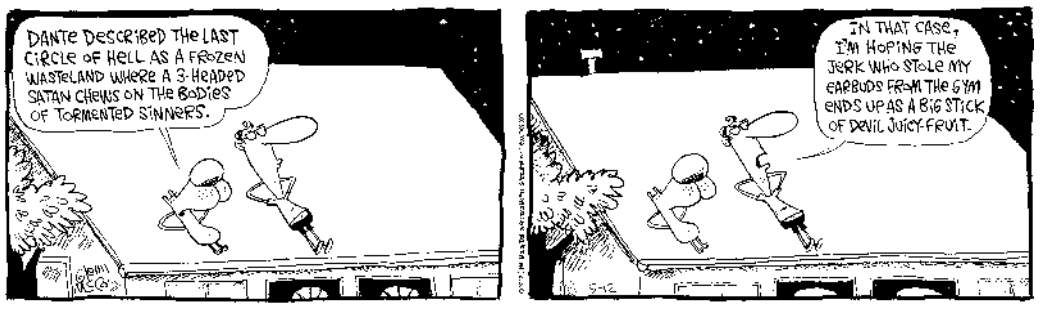
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

KATY.
MOTHER.
MY BOOK MIGHT NOT BECOME A MOVIE. AND IF IT DOES, WE WON'T BE IN IT.
I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GET YOUR... GET YOUR HOPES...
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
MY AUTOGRAPH ISN'T GOING TO PRACTICE ITSELF, MOM.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


DANTE DESCRIBED THE LAST CIRCLE OF HELL AS A FROZEN WASTELAND WHERE A 3-HEADED SATAN CHEWS ON THE BODIES OF TORMENTED SINNERS.
IN THAT CASE, I'M HOPING THE JERK WHO STOLE MY EARBUDS FROM THE GYM ENDS UP AS A BIG STICK OF DEVIL JUICY-FRUIT.

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Charitable gift
5 "That was close!"
9 Church seat
12 53, in Ancient Rome
13 Competent
14 Past
15 Space particle
17 Squabble
18 Loath (to)
19 Tumbler
21 Concerning
22 Pristine
24 "Funny!"
27 Winter ailment
28 McEnroe rival
31 "Aladdin" monkey
32 Triathlon segment
33 — tizzy
34 Audition CD
36 Conditions
37 First person
38 Skilled
40 Exist
41 Dressed to the —
43 Italian brandy
47 Blood-group letters
48 Dulcimer's shape
51 JFK Library architect
52 — St. Vincent Millay
53 Sandwich cookie
54 Timetable abbr.
55 Diner sign
56 Trawler gear

**DOWN**
1 Mater lead-in
2 Actor Schreiber
3 Wee parasite
4 Mountain chain
5 Use a fruit knife
6 "Westworld" airer
7 Yale grad
8 Hunk of cheese
9 Overly suspicious
10 Hollywood clashers
11 Amazes
16 Sugar suffix
20 Science room
22 Chin dimple
23 Galoots
24 Owned
25 Lincoln nickname
26 Like certain sci-fi races
27 Coin toss
29 Genetic letters
30 Leg, in slang
35 Praise in verse
37 Warrior woman
39 Lauder of cosmetics
40 "All bets — off"
41 Scruff
42 "Yeah, right"
43 Transcript stats
44 Skin opening
45 Painter Mondrian
46 Big fusses
49 Vitamin stat
50 Crumb carrier

Solution time: 24 mins.

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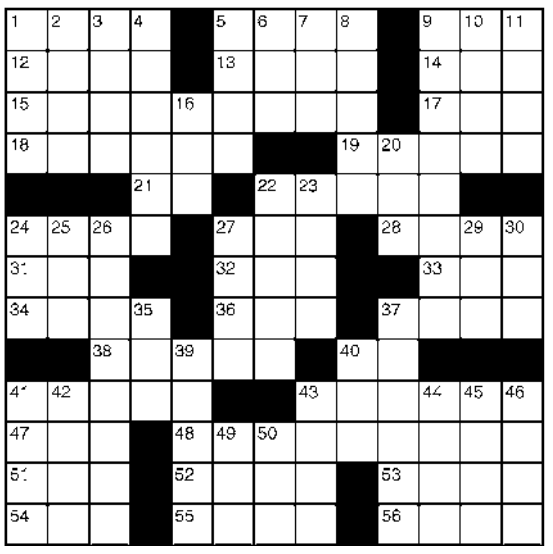

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Emily VanCamp, 36; Domhnall Gleeson, 39; Tony Hawk, 54; Ving Rhames, 63.

**Happy Birthday:** Rely on your ability to research, and create a plan that encourages you to act and participate instead of standing on the sidelines uncertain of what to do next. Turn your attention to what matters to you, and don't fall behind or lose sight of what you have to offer and how valuable you are. Follow your instincts and forge ahead. Your numbers are 8, 11, 16, 23, 32, 44, 48.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Look at contracts and documents that influence your ability to earn money and handle it wisely. A potential move or change in direction looks promising. Send out your resume and talk to prominent people in fields of interest, and you'll make progress. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Change begins with you. Look for the best way to get things done, and refuse to let someone's input cause uncertainty. Trust in your instincts, and put one foot in front of the other. Then proceed to improve your life. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Participate in something that sparks your imagination and helps you find alternative ways to reach your goals. The information others share with you will require adjustments to suit your needs. A cheery disposition will help deter negativity. A romantic gesture is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Do your best to get along. If you let your emotions take over, you'll have regrets. A creative outlet will encourage you to focus on what you can do instead of what you cannot. Keep busy and make moderation a priority. ✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Use your skills efficiently, and stay updated to ensure you can function at top level. Shoot for the stars and be a leader. Use the experience you gain to help build a secure future. A friend will help you get insight. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Gather information, observe and network. The interaction you have with people who can offer insight into trends or how to diversify and make your skills more assessable and in demand will set you on a new and profitable path. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Discussions will give you a better understanding of what's possible. Be honest about your feelings and intentions, and find out where you stand. Personal growth, home improvement and nurturing a meaningful relationship are favored. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Get the OK before making changes that affect others. The input you get will help you decide what's feasible. Don't take on a burden you cannot handle. Be realistic, monitor your progress and put together a strategy that ensures success. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Plant both feet on the ground, and give your all until you get what you want. Make a change at home that will make your life and responsibilities more manageable. Refuse to let anyone pressure you. Do what makes you happy. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Take care of your physical and emotional well-being. Don't take an unnecessary risk that puts you in a vulnerable position. Make alterations at home that encourage you to spend more time doing things that bring you joy. Practice moderation. ✪✪✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't feel obligated to do something because someone else does. Follow your heart and surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. Give others the freedom to do as they please, and you'll get the same in return. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Focus on the changes you want to make. Avoid discussions with negative people or those who like to meddle. Take an intelligent approach to help a cause or a concern, and you'll feel better about moving forward with your plan. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are intelligent, engaging and friendly. You are reasonable and supportive.

*✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**JUMPING AROUND** Solution: 10 letters

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# Heat roll past 76ers 120-85 in Game 5, take 3-2 series lead

**MIAMI** (AP)—Shots fell again for the Miami Heat. They kept Joel Embiid and James Harden in check. Their coach got an in-game massage from DJ Khaled.

Yes, really.

It was that sort of night for the Heat, who — even without everyone getting shoulder rubs — are feeling pretty good about their playoff prospects again.

Jimmy Butler scored 23 points, Max Strus added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the Heat moved one win away from a trip to the Eastern Conference finals by topping the Philadelphia 76ers 120-85 on Tuesday.

The 35-point margin of victory matched the biggest so far in this year's playoffs — Philadelphia beat Toronto by 35 in the series-clincher of that first-round matchup — and matched the second-largest in Heat postseason history.

"They were just more physical," 76ers coach Doc Rivers said. "We didn't run anything. We didn't run our stuff very well. We played at a snail's pace ... everything they did tonight was harder and better. Their stuff was better, their energy was better."

Victor Oladipo scored 13 for Miami, which got 12 from Bam Adebayo and 10 apiece from Tyler Herro and P.J. Tucker. The top-seeded Heat now lead the East semifinal series 3-2, and improved to an NBA-best 6-0 at home in these playoffs.

Joel Embiid scored 17 points for fourth-seeded Philadelphia, which got 14 from James Harden and 12 from Tobias Harris. The 76ers were down by 15 going into the fourth quarter, then gave up 12 consecutive points to open the period.

"Tonight, we weren't focused enough," Embiid said.

Game 6 is in Philadelphia on Thursday, win-or-else for the 76ers, a chance to move on for the Heat.

"We're capable of it, if we get some stops," Butler said. "It's a hard place to play."

So is Miami.

Tyrese Maxey made a deep 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left in the third to pull Philadelphia within 81-66. Whatever hope remained for the 76ers in that moment was short-lived.

A jumper from Herro and then five straight points from Strus were the start of Miami's game-sealing flurry that opened the fourth. A three-point play from Adebayo pushed the lead to 25, at which point Embiid checked out with the outcome clearly no longer in question.

AP

Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) celebrates after scoring during the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series against the Philadelphia 76ers, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in Miami.

"It's just one game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They know it. We know it."

It was a tough night all the way around for the Sixers, especially for Embiid — their best player, already wearing a mask to protect a facial fracture and dealing with a significant thumb injury.

Embiid got shaken up in the first quarter when he tried to dive into some baseline seats while attempting to save a loose ball. He doubled over shortly afterward, grabbing at his back.

He remained in the game after that scare.

He also remained in the game after the next scare, which was much worse.

It came midway through the second quarter, when Miami's Dewayne Dedmon missed a shot and Embiid grabbed the rebound. Dedmon, flailing for the ball, made contact with it — and wound up pushing it back into Embiid's mask-covered face.

"Pretty painful," Embiid said.

Embiid lost the ball and went down obvious discomfort, covering his face with both hands. Oladipo picked up the ball and scored to make it 42-31, but Embiid writhing was of much greater importance to the 76ers than giving up two points. Embiid remained down for several moments, before making his way back to the Philadelphia bench and getting tended to by doctors.

"He's tough," Rivers said. "I think he knew going into all this that there's going to be a couple times when he gets hit in the face. It's going to happen. ... He got up and said he was fine, after a while."

All the second-half highlights belonged to Miami, with the exception of one moment stolen by courtside regular DJ Khaled.

After the ball went out of bounds near his seat, Khaled grabbed the ball from a security guard, handed it to Strus, then headed to the scorer's table while waving his arms and asking the fans to make some noise. And before returning to his courtside seat, the rapper gave Spoelstra a shoulder massage.

"I was humbled to be a part of that moment," Spoelstra said. "He's such a great fan there. Over the years, I've said hello a few times, but that was the best interaction. That was genuine. It was cool."

### Suns 110, Mavericks 80

In Phoenix, Devin Booker scored 28 points, Deandre Ayton added 20 and the Phoenix Suns beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-80 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Suns used a huge third quarter to turn a tight game into a comfortable win. Phoenix opened up the second half on an 11-4 run, highlighted by Booker's two 3-pointers, for a 61-50 lead.

Mavs coach Jason Kidd called for a timeout, but it did little to stop the onslaught. The Suns led 82-60 going into the fourth with Booker pouring in 12 points during the third.

While the Suns were finally finding some offensive continuity, the Mavs completely lost theirs, scoring just four points in the first six minutes of the third. At times, the Dallas offense regressed to mostly watching Luka Doncic try and work magic, but he couldn't do it all by himself.

The Mavs had 12 turnovers during the third quarter.

The top-seeded Suns bounced back after dropping the previous two games and can win the series in Game 6 on Thursday in Dallas.

Doncic finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds. Jalen Brunson added 21 points. The Mavs shot just 38% from the field.

The Suns took a hard-fought 49-46 lead into halftime. Booker scored 16 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the field. Doncic countered with 18 points, though it was a little less efficient after making 7 of 16 shots.

The Mavericks led for a majority of the first half before Booker's baseline jam tied it at 40-all with 3:47 before halftime. Mikal Bridges had a nifty steal and then scored on a fast-break layup for a 44-42 lead.

# Source: Jokic captures 2nd straight NBA MVP award

**DENVER** (AP)—Nikola Jokic put up numbers never seen before in NBA history. Not from Wilt. Not from Kareem. Not from "Air Jordan." Not from LeBron.

With a historic season, the Denver Nuggets big man earned his second straight Most Valuable Player award, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Monday. The NBA was preparing to make the announcement in the coming days, likely this week, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the voting results have not been announced.

ESPN, citing sources, first reported that Jokic would be named MVP again.

The 7-foot center became the first player in league history to eclipse 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 500 assists in a season. And that sort of dominance by the player nicknamed "Joker" helped convince voters that he should be the 13th player of the NBA's exclusive MVP back-to-back club.

The other finalists — who will finish second and third in some order — were Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid, who led the league in scoring average, and two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of the reigning champion Milwaukee Bucks.

The 27-year-old Jokic averaged 27.1 points, 13.8 rebounds and 7.9 assists on a team that was missing two max players in Jamal Murray (ACL) and Michael Porter Jr. (back). Required to carry the load night in and out, the big man from Sombor, Serbia, answered the call and guided the Nuggets to a 48-win season. They earned the No. 6 seed in the West before losing in five games to the Golden State Warriors in the opening round of the playoffs.

"It's just remarkable what he's done," Nuggets coach Michael Malone recently said of Jokic. "I know that I'm very biased, I admit it wholeheartedly — the MVP isn't even a competition. There's other great players, I'm not saying they're not great players, but what Nikola Jokic has done this year, with this team, with everything that we've had to go through, is incredible."

The award is likely the start of a huge offseason for Jokic, who is eligible for a supermax extension that could guarantee him nearly $254 million over five seasons starting with 2023-24. He'll make $32.4 million next season.

"There's nothing more important" than keeping Jokic, Nuggets president of basketball operations Tim Connelly recently said.

Jokic joins rarefied company in winning for a second straight season. The other players to win two in a row include Antetokounmpo, Stephen Curry, LeBron James (twice), Steve Nash, Tim Duncan, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Moses Malone and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (twice). Larry Bird, Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell each won the award in three straight seasons.

Next year, Jokic will have his chance at a three-peat as well.

The award comes as no surprise to his teammates. They had a front-row seat to his performance every night.

Guard Bones Hyland posted on Twitter: "Man.. All year I've been saying it, I just woke up happier then ever like I won the award!! I'm so proud of my boy man!! Great Player but a even better Leader & Great Role model! Thanks for showing me the ropes this year Jokey! Congrats Ma Brother."

Former Nuggets coach George Karl posted: "Incredible Jokic! He earned it. He was better this year than last and carried his team all season."

Known for his pinpoint passing as much as his soft touch, Jokic finished with a league-leading 19 triple-doubles. The 41st pick of the 2014 draft now has 76 in his career, which trails only Chamberlain (78) among centers.

After being knocked out of the playoffs — he averaged 31 points, 13.2 rebounds — Jokic was asked how he might celebrate should he win MVP.

"Probably with some music, beer, friends around, family," he said. "Like how you're supposed to do probably.

"But if I don't get it, I'm not going to die. I'm just going to keep playing, keep trying to play the right way like I did my whole life."

There was a time when the Jokic was maligned for his game. More specifically, his defense and not being able to jump. His once-pudgy frame — Spurs coach Gregg Popovich good-naturedly ribbed him about it — has more strength to it.

Ever bother him that his game doesn't seem to generate the level of respect as other standout players?

"Can't care less, brother," Jokic said.

He sees the court with the clarity of a point guard and has an arsenal of shots that includes smooth baby hooks around the rim and a soft 3-point touch.

Popovich had the apropos answer when asked if it was more important to take away Jokic's shot attempts or passes: "I don't think anybody has figured that out," he said. "He's a great one."

Jokic cares immensely about winning — games, not hardware. He's not one to lobby on his own behalf, just letting his numbers do his talking. Last season when he won, he averaged 26.4 points, 10.8 boards and 8.3 assists. This season, he took his game to another level in making his fourth straight All-Star team.

"If that's enough, it's enough," he said. "If not, you cannot control that."

Funny story about his MVP trophy from a season ago: A few weeks ago, he said he wasn't exactly sure where it was as his family moves.

"It is here in Denver," Jokic recently cracked.

# Second no-hitter of season belongs to Angels rookie Detmers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Angels rookie Reid Detmers pitched the majors' second no-hitter this season, cruising after he benefitted from a borderline error call in the seventh inning as Los Angeles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 12-0 Tuesday night.

The 22-year-old left hander threw a career-high 108 pitches in his 11th big-league start, striking out two and walking one. Detmers (2-1) completed the 12th no-hitter in franchise history when Yandy Diaz grounded out shortstop Andrew Velazquez to end the game.

He got a crucial assist from the official scorer in the seventh.

Brett Phillips reached with one out when first baseman Jared Walsh ranged to his right and bobbled Phillips' grounder. The crowd of 39,313 at Angel Stadium cheered and Walsh clapped moments later when the videoboard showed the play was ruled an error.

Mike Trout had his second multi-homer game of the season and drove in three for the Angels, who have won six of their last seven. His first homer came against Corey Kluber (1-2).

### Astros 5, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Justin Verlander missed out on his fourth no-hitter by five outs but still faced the minimum through eight innings, and Houston beat Minnesota for its eighth straight win.

Twins third baseman Gio Urshela singled to right field with one out in the eighth to end Verlander's bid. The 39-year-old right-hander, in his first season back from Tommy John surgery, finished the eighth by getting Royce Lewis to ground into a double play.

Verlander struck out five and walked two on 89 pitches. He was vying to tie Sandy Koufax for second on the career no-hitter list. Nolan Ryan holds the record with seven.

Jeremy Peña drove in the first two runs for the Astros. Alex Bregman also had two RBIs, including a double to left in the fifth that drove in Jose Altuve.

### Yankees 6, Blue Jays 5

In New York, Aaron Judge hit a mammoth three-run drive in the ninth inning for his first walk-off home run in the major leagues to give New York a comeback victory over Toronto.

Giancarlo Stanton tied it with a modest three-run shot in the sixth, and the Yankees rallied for their 14th victory in 16 games after three Toronto ejections left the angry Blue Jays seeing red.

George Springer launched a leadoff homer for Toronto, and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a tie-breaking double in the eighth that helped the Blue Jays take a 5-3 lead.

### Red Sox 9, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Rafael Devers hit his first career grand slam and last-place Boston broke out for clean-shaven manager Alex Cora and ended a five-game skid.

Devers' 432-foot blast off Kyle Wright (3-2) hit the center-field scoreboard behind the Braves' bullpen. Devers also had a double and a walk.

Christian Vázquez had a run-scoring single and Jackie Bradley Jr. drew a bases-loaded walk before Devers' slam gave Boston a 6-0 lead.

Travis d'Arnaud hit a two-run homer off Garrett Whitlock, who allowed three runs on four hits and four walks in three innings. Tyler Danish (1-0) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings.

### Mets 4, Nationals 2

In Washington, a rat scurried through the outfield grass just before James McCann's sacrifice fly drove in the go-ahead score during a three-run sixth inning, and Carlos Carrasco nearly got to the seventh again, helping New York beat Washington.

The episode brought to mind one from a year ago — May 8, 2021, to be exact — involving a Mets club on the way to a disappointing 77-85 finish: Francisco Lindor and Jeff McNeil got into an argument during a game after they combined to flub a grounder. Soon after, Mets players rushed into the tunnel near the dugout.

Carrasco (3-1) gave up two runs in 6 2/3 innings. He began the day as the only pitcher in the majors who had gone more than seven innings in at least two starts.

In the sixth, once Nationals starter Patrick Corbin had been replaced by new call-up Carl Edwards Jr. (0-1), New York broke through, showing why it is now 21-10.

White Sox 4, Guardians 1

In Chicago, Gavin Sheets homered in his second straight game, Tim Anderson had three hits and 2 RBIs, and Chicago shook off the previous night's big collapse by beating Cleveland.

Lucas Giolito (2-1) went seven innings and gave up just the one run that came on Josh Naylor's homer to win his second straight start. He allowed six hits, struck out five and walked one.

The White Sox won their seventh of eight games, with the only blemish blowing a six-run lead in the ninth Monday night and losing in 11 innings.

AP

Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Reid Detmers (48) throws during the second inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Anaheim, Calif., Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

### Orioles 5, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Cedric Mullins and Tyler Nevin each homered and Kyle Bradish struck out 11 over seven strong innings, leading Baltimore over St. Louis.

Harrison Bader hit an inside-the-park home run in the sixth — the first for St. Louis at the current Busch Stadium and first for the Cardinals at home since 1985.

Bradish (1-1) pitched seven innings for his longest outing this season and his first career win. He gave up four hits, including the homer to Bader. Felix Bautista got the final out for his first career save.

Nevin gave Baltimore a 3-0 lead when he hit a one-out home run into the left field bullpen in the fourth, leading St. Louis to pull rookie pitcher Packy Naughton (0-1).

### Rangers 6, Royals 4

In Arlington, Texas, Corey Seager snapped an 0-for-16 slump with two home runs, Martin Perez pitched 6 1/3 solid innings and Texas opened a nine-game homestand with a win over Kansas City.

Perez (1-2) struck out six without a walk and was charged with four runs, but only one of those was earned.

Joe Barlow worked a perfect ninth for his sixth save in as many opportunities.

Texas had three consecutive singles off Brad Keller (1-3) after Seager's two-out homer in the first, with Kole Calhoun's two-run hit making it 3-0.

### Brewers 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Josh Hader reached 500 career strikeouts, Luis Urías hit a tying home run and made a clutch catch, and Milwaukee stopped Cincinnati's season-high, two-game winning streak.

Jace Peterson broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth with the first of his two doubles for the NL Central-leading Brewers, who ended a three-game losing streak.

Hader worked around a leadoff walk in a hitless ninth and became only the third pitcher with saves in his first 12 appearances of a season after Lee Smith in 1994 and José Mesa in 2005.

Wandy Peralta (2-1) allowed one run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings with a season-high eight strikeouts and one walk. Hunter

Greene (1-5) lost his fifth straight start since winning his major league debut at Atlanta on April 10.

### Padres 5, Cubs 4

In San Diego, Manny Machado hit a go-ahead double in the sixth inning and San Diego held on to beat Chicago in a thriller, hours after finding out manager Bob Melvin will have prostate surgery.

Melvin announced before the game that he'll have surgery Wednesday. He said he doesn't think he has cancer, "but they won't know until they get in there." Melvin, hired away from Oakland on Nov. 1, said he expects to miss at least a week's worth of games. Bench coach Ryan Christenson will serve as interim manager.

Closer Taylor Rogers allowed Ian Happ's RBI single with two outs in the ninth and loaded the bases before pinch-hitter Frank Schwindel sent a long drive to left field that Jurickson Profar caught at the wall. It was Rogers' 12th save in 13 chances.

Steve Wilson (3-0) got the win and Robert Gsellman (0-1) took the loss.

### Mariners 5, Phillies 4

In Seattle, Robbie Ray (3-3) pitched into the sixth inning and had 10 strikeouts, the most by a Seattle pitcher this season. He gave up two runs on two hits while walking two in 5 2/3 innings.

Nick Castellanos, Rhys Hoskins and Jean Segura had solo homers for Philadelphia, which has lost six of eight. Phillies

manager Joe Girardi was ejected in the second inning for arguing when the Mariners' Adam Frazier was called safe after inadvertently knocking the ball out of first baseman Hoskins' glove on a play that led to a Seattle run.

Aaron Nola (1-4) lost his fourth straight decision, giving up four earned runs on nine hits.

Paul Sewald allowed a run while getting four outs but held on for his first save.

### Giants 9, Rockies 2

In San Francisco, Alex Wood pitched into the sixth inning and didn't allow an earned run, Brandon Belt had an RBI double in his return to the lineup and San Francisco won its ninth straight against Colorado.

Curt Casali added three hits and two RBIs for San Francisco, which has won four straight since losing five in a row.

Wood (3-2) allowed seven hits and struck out four in 5 1/3 innings.

Antonio Senzatela (2-2) allowed five runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings.

### Dodgers 11, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Justin Turner hit three of Los Angeles' eight doubles and finished with four hits and four RBIs in an 11-1 victory over Pittsburgh.

The Dodgers hadn't hit eight doubles in a game since moving to Los Angeles from Brooklyn in 1958. The franchise record is nine.

Tony Gonsolin (3-0) allowed one hit in five shutout innings and had five strikeouts while walking four.

Edwin Rios had three hits and three RBIs while homering for the second straight game. Trea Turner and Gavin Lux contributed two hits each as the NL West-leading Dodgers had 15.

Bryse Wilson (0-2) was hammered for six runs and eight hits in 2 2/3 innings, needing 70 pitches to get eight outs. He struck out four and walked one.

### Tigers 6, Athletics 0, game 1
### Athletics 4, Tigers 1, game 2

In Detroit, Tarik Skubal led Detroit to a win in the opener of a unique doubleheader caused by Major League Baseball's lockout. With Oakland as the visiting team in the second game, 25-year-old Adrian Martinez pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings to win his major league debut.

Detroit ended a 27-inning scoreless streak in the opener. Miguel Cabrera singled in the ninth inning of the second game, tying Wade Boggs for 30th with 3,010 hits.

Skubal (2-2) allowed three hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked three. Jonathan Schoop homered and scored twice on a day he raised his batting average from .139 to .157.

In the first game, Frankie Montas (2-3) allowed four runs, six hits and three walks in 6 1/3 innings.

### Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 3

In Phoenix, Madison Bumgarner pitched effectively into the seventh inning in his first start since being ejected and Arizona made Torey Lovullo the winningest manager in franchise history.

Bumgarner (2-1) gave up a two-run homer to Jose Soler in a shaky first inning, but allowed two hits the rest of the way after his strange ejection against Miami last week.

Jordan Luplow hit a two-run homer off Jesus Luzardo (2-3) in the first inning.

# GOP golf tourney, dinner banquet a success

A total of 134 players and more than 600 attendees participated in the recent GOP Golf Tournament and Dinner Banquet hosted by the CNMI Republican Party.

"It was a wonderful show of support from our community. It was a full day of great sportsmanship on the links and a relaxing evening of fellowship over dinner. I was happy to see so many people enjoy themselves. All positive vibes, taya negative," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The events were open to everyone regardless of political alliances and social standing, and it showed in the quick sell-out of tickets for each event. The round of golf was held last Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, while the dinner banquet was held later that evening at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, third from left, and Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan), fifth from left, pose with participants of the GOP Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

"We had Republicans, Democrats, and non-partisan men and women of all ages turnout. We had residents of Tinian, Rota, and Guam attend the golf tournament and dinner banquet. It was great to see hundreds of people of mixed backgrounds come out last Saturday," said lieutenant governor candidate, Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan).

"Over 600 people came to the dinner in support of our Republican Party fundraiser. It speaks volumes about the love, positivity, and team spirit we have in the Republican camp," noted CNMI GOP president Candace Celis.

The fundraisers were a prelude of upcoming efforts to continue uniting the community through respect and camaraderie for a better Commonwealth.

"People are energized in this campaign because they believe in our leadership. The people see that our opponents' campaign strategy of division, misinformation and obstruction does nothing to help anyone. People are looking for real solutions to rebuild the community and the economy, and the support at these events point to Governor Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Governor Candidate Vinnie F. Sablan being the right people for this job," added James Ada, chairman of the Committee to Elect Torres-Sablan.

"People came to have a great time and to break away from all the negativity in life and divisive politics. It was a successful event because we put in the hard work. I am grateful for the turnout and deeply humbled by the time and effort that our volunteers and sponsors put into the event. It was the largest combined golf and dinner banquet for the Republican Party to date and we look forward to more of the same positive gatherings and building up of one another," said CNMI GOP second vice president and GOP Golf Tournament and Dinner Banquet chair Shayne Villanueva.

For information on joining the movement to elect Torres-Sablan for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, and the entire Republican slate, contact: CNMI GOP president Candace Celis at cnmigop2022@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

# 40 boats expected for mahi-mahi derby

**By MARK RABAGO**
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The Saipan Fishermen's Association will finally push through with its 18th Annual Mahi-Mahi Fishing Derby this coming Saturday after postponing it last month due to inclement weather.

SFA president Tony Scragg said the start of registration is tomorrow, May 13, from 4pm to 6pm at the Smiling Cove Marina.

The actual competition will be on Saturday, May 14, from 6am to 5pm in the waters around the Northern Marianas.

Scragg hopes the recent rise in fuel prices won't affect their expected turnout for the 18th Annual Mahi-Mahi Fishing Derby.

"We're expecting 40 boats…I hope [the increase in fuel prices] won't have too much of an effect," he said.

The 18th Annual Mahi-Mahi Fishing Derby's prizes include $2,000 cash for first place, $1,500 for second place, $1,000 for third place, and consolation prizes for fourth and fifth places. The registration fee is $100 per boat, including one captain and one angler, and $25 for each additional angler.

Last year, captain Alvin Iglecias and his crew of five aboard the boat *Trophy* won the 17th Annual Mahi-Mahi Fishing Derby after reeling in an 18.9-lb mahi. Iglecias' team included Ivan Ilmov, Keith Torres, Brandon Echalico, John Jimeno, and Phil Babauta

*CAT-SIKA* of captain Jesse Sablan landed an 18.2-lb mahi to win second place, while rounding out the Top 3 was *Kingfisher* 2 of captain Jun Azarcon with their 17.9-lb catch. The 18th Annual Mahi-Mahi Fishing Derby's main sponsor is Budweiser.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

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| New York | 21 | 8 | .724 | – |
| Tampa Bay | 18 | 13 | .581 | 4 |
| Toronto | 17 | 14 | .548 | 5 |
| Baltimore | 13 | 17 | .433 | 8½ |
| Boston | 11 | 19 | .367 | 10½ |

**Central Division**

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| Minnesota | 18 | 12 | .600 | – |
| Chicago | 15 | 14 | .517 | 2½ |
| Cleveland | 15 | 15 | .500 | 3 |
| Kansas City | 9 | 18 | .333 | 7½ |
| Detroit | 9 | 21 | .300 | 9 |

West Division

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| Los Angeles | 21 | 11 | .656 | – |
| Houston | 19 | 11 | .633 | 1 |
| Seattle | 14 | 17 | .452 | 6½ |
| Texas | 12 | 16 | .429 | 7 |
| Oakland | 12 | 19 | .387 | 8½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 21 | 10 | .677 | – |
| Atlanta | 14 | 17 | .452 | 7 |
| Miami | 13 | 17 | .433 | 7½ |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 17 | .433 | 7½ |
| Washington | 10 | 21 | .323 | 11 |

**Central Division**

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| Milwaukee | 20 | 11 | .645 | – |
| St. Louis | 16 | 13 | .552 | 3 |
| Pittsburgh | 12 | 17 | .414 | 7 |
| Chicago | 10 | 19 | .345 | 9 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 24 | .200 | 13½ |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 20 | 8 | .714 | – |
| San Diego | 20 | 11 | .645 | 1½ |
| San Francisco | 18 | 12 | .600 | 3 |
| Arizona | 17 | 14 | .548 | 4½ |
| Colorado | 16 | 14 | .533 | 5 |

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## TEAM

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spread with time down to 3:20.

Lakay/Islander took one in the chin when Santos pulled up for another 3 and got the final knockout blows when Jeffrey Castro splashed back-to-back triples the last one giving Team Marianas a 73-56 lead a little over 2 minutes left and that was all she wrote.

National coach Joe Diaz said his team just made the necessary adjustment in Game 2 to force a deciding Game 3 Thursday.

"This second game we had to pick up our pace on the defensive side. We also needed to clean the boards, meaning we had to dominate the rebounding battle, and most importantly trusting each other."

Diaz said after the Game 1 loss, they had a team meeting after practice and watched their loss on YouTube.

"That really helped us see what to work on and for me the first game my subbing rotation was off. But I told our national players that we needed to say something so we all kind of needed to get better as a team."

Lakay/Islander actually took the initiative early and opened with a 14-11 lead after the first quarter as Marvin Rabauliman flexed his muscles inside.

They continued to have the upper hand in the second quarter as center Benjie Escano dropped 5 points to give Lakay/Islander as 27-26 spread at the close of the low-scoring first half.

Team Marianas continued to grope for form in the third and the lead seesawed between the two finalists. R.J. Palacios powered his way for 5 points in the third to give Lakay/Islander a 42-41 cushion. Things changed, however, midway in the fourth as the pendulum swung completely in Team Marianas' way.

Chioni Dela Cruz led Team Marianas with 16 points, while Santos, Brennan, and Castro added 10 markers apiece. Palacios was the high-point man for Lakay/Islander with 15 points, while Rabauliman and Gant added 11 points and 10 points, respectively.

**Team Marianas 77** – Dela Cruz 16, Santos 10, Brennan 10, Castro 10, Deleon Guerrero 9, Augenbaugh 6, Satur 4, Flores 4, Naraja 3, Aranda 3, Sablan 2.

**Lakay/Islander 58** – Palacios 15, Rabauliman 11, Gant 10, Escano 7, Quan 5, Capalad 5, Basa 3, Jandoc 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-11, 25-27, 41-42, 77-58.

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"I am honored to represent our islands and I would like to thank the swimming federation for giving me this opportunity once again. Although we are not in the ideal situation I am confident that my team and I will bring back the best results we possibly can!"

Tenorio also represented the islands in the 15th FINA World Swimming Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates last December.

Akimaru, a 10th grader at MHS, admitted his selection caught him by surprise.

"I am very surprised and happy to represent NMI and compete in the world championships. I am really nervous because this is my first competition against world class swimmers. I am really happy to be able to compete with world class swimmers and learn from them. I am swimming in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly, which are the two events I will be doing in the competition. I will try my best to represent the CNMI."

Thompson, for her part, feels humbled and honored to have been selected to represent the CNMI in the World Championships.

"There is a bit of nerves, but I think that having a healthy amount is a good thing and I am beyond excited to compete! I am looking forward to representing the CNMI and participating at such a prestigious event with the best athletes from all over the world. I grew up watching my sister compete at the World Championships. Her first World Championship was also in Budapest so it is really sentimental to me that it is all coming back in a full circle."

She said the special part about the FINA World Championships is getting to see the camaraderie that the sport brings.

"I am looking forward to meeting new people and swimming alongside people from different countries," the 16-year-old from Saipan International School said.

Like her teammates, Batallones is also honored and excited to be part of the CNMI national team to Budapest.

"This would be my first time at a World Championship. I have many goals set for myself and I'm looking forward to achieving them. I will make sure to train hard, to make myself proud, my team proud, and my friends and family. This is a great opportunity and I know we will all do so well. I'm so looking forward to representing the CNMI and coming home proud of my success and achievements," said the 14-year-old senior at Hopwood Middle School.

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girls U16 division championship, as it remained unbeaten this season with just one more game left on its assignment.

Kanoa holds a 7-0-0 record and will play its last game in the double-round robin competition this Saturday when it takes on No. 3 rank MP United (3-1-3).

With Kanoa already assured of the division championship, Southern United (5-0-2) is likely to settle for second place. Southern United notched win No. 5 after crushing Paire last Saturday, 13-0. Summer Manahane led Southern's demolition of Paire after firing four goals, while Pia Ngewakl added three.

In other results in the division, MP United forced Shirley's to a draw.

Cathy Woo nailed the game-tying goal in the 50th minute, while Helen Baker registered the earlier goal for Shirley's in the 35th.

### 3-way race for boys U16 crown

The season champion team in the boys U16 division will be determined after this Saturday's crucial triple-header.

With its 7-1-1 record, Kanoa is clinging to the division lead and will take on MP United, which is very much in the title race with its 6-1-2 mark. The other team that still has a chance for the division crown is TanHoldings, which holds a 7-0-2 record and will meet cellar-dweller Paire (1-0-8) for its last game of the season.

Heat roll past 76ers 120-85 in Game 5, take 3-2 series lead

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# Paire stuns MPU in boys U13 finale

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Paire Football Club took the boys U13 title in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 after pulling off an upset over the No. 2 seed MP United Pink in their finals match last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Paire, which was seeded fourth in the playoffs after earning a 3-0-3 win-draw-loss record, drew its pair of goals from Aidi Danis to win the division championship. Paire's victory over MP United Pink, which finished the regular season with a second best 4-1-1 mark, completed the squad's playoff sweep of MPU clubs, as the former also stunned No. 1 seed MPU Blue in the semis, 2-1.

In the finals, Danis scored first with his goal in the eighth minute, while Leonard Delemarie equalized for MP United Pink in the 13th minute. The match remained tied in the first half and the majority of the second until Danis came to Paire's rescue and hit the go-ahead in the 29th minute.

Meanwhile, MPU Blue, which had a division best 5-0-1 mark in the regular season, will play No. 3 seed Matansa in the battle for third place this Saturday. For the fifth place match, Shirley's FC prevailed over TanHoldings, 4-1. Brothers Bennet and Bennetton Haro had one goal apiece for Shirley's, while Charles Molino and Nayten Pino also scored in the consolation game.

## Kanoa secures girls U16 title

Kanoa FC zeroed in on the

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Paire Football Club's Aidi Danis, left, seen here dribbling during their semis game against MP United Blue, scored a pair of goals in their 2-1 title win over MP United Pink in the boys U13 title of the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

# 4 picked for World Champs in Budapest

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CNMI national swimmers to the 2022 FINA World Championship set from June 18 to July 3 in Budapest, Hungary pose for a group photo. From left, Taiyo Akimaru, Jinie Thompson, Maria Batallones, and Juhn Tenorio.

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The Northern Marianas Islands Swimming Federation has picked four swimmers who will be representing the CNMI in the 2022 FINA World Championship set from June 18 to July 3 in Budapest, Hungary.

The four swimmers are Juhn Tenorio, Taiyo Akimaru, Jinie Thompson, and Maria Batallones. They will be coached by Richard Sikkel.

NMSF president Colin Thompson will also be traveling with the national team to Budapest to represent the CNMI's swimming interests within the FINA organization.

Originally from Holland, Sikkel is looking forward to seeing the CNMI swimmers compete in his neck of the woods.

"I have no doubt that all four swimmers will swim personal bests during their events. We may even see a national record or two crumble," he said.

Aside from doing well in the competition, he hopes the swimmers get a chance to experience a little bit of Europe while there.

Tenorio, an 18-year-old senior at Marianas High School, considers himself lucky to don the CNMI color again in the FINA World Championships.

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# Team Marianas forces do-or-die Game 3

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Team Marianas made six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to turn a close game against Lakay-Islander into a blowout, 77-58, and force a deciding Game 3 in the finals of the open division of the Inaugural SCLC Basketball League Tuesday night at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Down 41-42 heading into the last 10 minutes of the contest, the CNMI national basketball pool outscored Lakay/Islander by 20 points the rest of the way to win the game by a mile.

The first of Team Marianas' fourth quarter triples barrage came with 7:40 remaining when Jack Aranda gave them the lead, 48-47.

In the next play, Zeric Gant gave Lakay/Islander the lead back when he hit a 3-pointer of his own to make it, 50-48.

Team Marianas would take the bull by the horns when Devon Brennan cashed on a triple and made layup to make it, 53-50, time down to 7 minutes.

The game was still in the balance when Coby Santos connected from the land of plenty at the 5:38 mark to give Team Marianas some breathing room, 58-52.

Kyu Aldan then drove against the trees and passed to Shane Deleon Guerrero for a layup, 64-53, to give Team Marianas its first double-digit

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Team Marianas' Coby Santos goes up for an acrobatic shot against Lakay-Islander's Zeric Gant in Game 2 of their finals series in the open division of the Inaugural SCLC Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.